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Undercover operation tried to 'seduce' Wimbledon suspect

Judge attacks police over 'murder trap'

BY FRANCES GIBB, MICHAEL HORSNELL AND STEWART TENDLER

THE case against the man accused of murdering Rachel Nickell on Wimbledon Common two years ago collapsed at the Old Bailey yesterday as the judge severely criticised the undercover police operation.

The eight-month operation involved a woman officer befriending the suspect, Colin Stagg, and trying to lure him into a confession. Mr Justice Ognall said that police behaviour betrayed "not merely an excess of zeal, but a blatant attempt to incriminate a suspect by positive and deceptive conduct of the grossest kind".

Lawyers called for clearer rules on police undercover methods after the judge ruled that prosecution evidence obtained against Mr Stagg was inadmissible and cleared him after six days of legal argument, before a jury was sworn. It is the second time this year that a judge has refused to allow taped evidence obtained by a woman police officer befriending an alleged killer.

Unlike the first case, brought in March against Keith Hall for the murder of his wife, the prosecution in the Nickell case had no confession from Mr Stagg, which led some lawyers to question the wisdom of the Crown Prosecution Service in allowing the case to go forward.

After the hearing Andrew Nickell, the victim's father, said: "I am sure the law has been upheld, but where is the justice?"

Mr Stagg, 31, emerged from the Old Bailey after 13 months in custody saying that he would sue the police and Paul Britton, the psychologist who advised them. "My life has been ruined by a mixture of half-baked psychological theories and some stories written to satisfy the strange sexual requests of an undercover police officer," he said. "The judge recognised that there was never any evidence against me, no forensic evidence, no confession evidence, nothing at all."



Mr Justice Ognall: ruled out evidence

Last night senior Scotland Yard officers were said to be devastated by the decision. A source said: "There is a feeling this was a very harsh decision by the judge."

The Crown Prosecution service said that it was studying the judge's comments. It is understood that a team of Treasury counsel were involved and that, while acknowledging the difficulties of the case, their view was that there was a realistic prospect of conviction.

Miss Nickell, a 23-year-old part-time model, was stabbed 49 times while walking on Wimbledon Common on July 15, 1992, with her son Alex, 2, and the family dog. Alex was found clinging to her body, crying "Get up, Mummy."

The boy, who did not speak for 24 hours after the killing, was taken to France by his father, Andre Hanscombe, where he is flourishing, but he remembers his mother's murder clearly.

The judge said that the murder was "a truly terrible crime" and added: "Any legitimate steps taken by the police and the prosecuting authorities to bring the perpetrators to justice are to be applauded, but the emphasis must be on the word legitimate. A careful appraisal of the material demonstrates a skilful and sustained enterprise to manipulate the accused, sometimes subtly, sometimes blatantly."

He said that the transcript showed an attempt was made to "seduce the accused into exposing his innermost fantasies" and that "Lizzie James", the policewoman whose real identity cannot be disclosed, had been "fishing" for specific characteristics which Mr Britton believed the killer would display.

The judge's ruling was strongly backed by the Law Society and the Criminal Bar Association last night. They condemned police behaviour as unacceptable.

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SIMON WALKER



Colin Stagg leaving court. The judge condemned "a blatant attempt to incriminate" him

Major refuses to give IRA the benefit of ceasefire doubt

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WATT

JOHN Major is still not ready to accept that the IRA's cessation of violence is permanent and he made clear yesterday that he will not yet start the countdown to preliminary talks with Sinn Fein.

He is also urging President Clinton, according to informed sources, not to hold a personal meeting with Gerry Adams if the Sinn Fein leader makes an early visit to the United States.

In spite of growing pressure on the Prime Minister from the Irish government and the nationalist parties to take the IRA at its word, Mr Major is adamant he will not be rushed into premature acknowledgement that they have given up violence for good.

Close colleagues say he is determined to keep the confidence of Northern Ireland's Unionist community, without whose assent there can be no lasting peace settlement.

At Chequers yesterday Mr Major said that, although progress had been made, neither the IRA nor Sinn Fein had made clear that the cessation of violence was permanent. "The IRA were conducting intolerable outrages for 25 years," he said. "I hope they have given up these outrages for good. They haven't expressly said so. I hope they will expressly say so."

The latest developments in Northern Ireland will be discussed today at a Cabinet meeting, and possibly also at a gathering of the special subcommittee on Ulster.

Mr Major was said to be considering the position on a day-to-day basis, and an announcement of the Government's acceptance of the ceasefire could well be delayed until after his visit to South Africa next week.

IRA prisoners publicly threw themselves behind the ceasefire yesterday for the first time. In a letter to Belfast's nationalist *Irish News*, inmates at the Maze prison, near Lisburn, Co Antrim, applauded the ceasefire and said they were committed to developing an "unarmed strategy".

The letter, signed by Sean Lynch, the "officer commanding" republican inmates at the Maze, said: "We, as republican prisoners in the H-Blocks ... applaud the leadership of the Irish Republican Army for taking the bold and courageous step of calling a ceasefire in order to to promote the alternative of a peaceful, negotiated resolution to this conflict." The letter condemned Mr Major for refusing to accept the ceasefire and reiterated the statement by Martin McGuinness, a leading Sinn Fein member, that the truce would hold "in all circumstances".

Lynch, from Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh, who is serving 25 years for possession of weapons, wrote: "We also commit ourselves to this development of an unarmed strategy and we condemn the British Government for prevaricating and for undermining a decision which for republicans has been a difficult one and one fraught with danger."

He accused Mr Major of "feet-dragging" and said the republicans now occupied the moral high ground.

Gerry Adams visit to US delayed

Gerry Adams, the head of Sinn Fein, is not likely to visit the United States until next month, after Northern Ireland Unionist leaders have held talks in Washington, American officials said yesterday. *(Reuter)*



Rachel Nickell: police found no physical evidence of the man who murdered her on Wimbledon Common

Where is the justice? asks father

THIS is the full statement made by Andrew Nickell, the father of Rachel Nickell, outside the Old Bailey yesterday:

"We have been here for the last week because in August 1993 Colin Stagg was charged after a long undercover operation. The police undertook this operation because they felt it was the only way to prove or disprove their suspicion that Colin Stagg was the murderer.

There was no physical evidence; only strong circumstantial evidence. What were the police to do? Were they to let a man whom they suspected and believed was guilty of hideous murder to roam free? What choice did they have?

They had to keep the peace and protect society. And I want to pay tribute to the courage and bravery of the undercover policewoman who put her life on the line. At the conclusion of that undercover operation, the police, the psychologist and the Crown Prosecution Service were all convinced that Colin Stagg was the murderer.

Thirteen months later, having been committed for trial, Colin Stagg now walks free. But he has not been tried by a jury. His Lordship, Mr Justice Ognall, has ruled that the police undercover operation broke the rules laid down to ensure a safe conviction or a safe trial.

I am sure that the ruling is well argued in law, but the fact is that the all the evidence gained during the undercover operation is not admissible.

I am sure the law has been upheld, but where is the justice? I understand the police will keep the files on my daughter's murder open but they are not looking for anyone else. We have an impasse which may — and I emphasise may — leave other wives and daughters at risk in the months ahead.

When my daughter was murdered on Wimbledon Common, I believed like many other citizens that the law was even-handed, and justice was available for all.

I am afraid the last two-and-a-quarter years have been a period of disillusionment.

What appears to have been lost over the last 30 years is the principle that everbody is equal under the law and entitled to justice. The pendulum has swung too far to the side of the criminal.

A suspect is allowed to remain silent and the prosecution during a trial cannot draw the court's attention to that fact. The whole of the evidence of a police inquiry, which in this case I believe is 10,000 pages, is given to the defence for them to study and to find an answer. The defence has to give the prosecution nothing before the trial commences.

The prosecution have no appeal whatsoever against today's decision.

If it had been the other way round, then Colin Stagg's lawyers could have taken his case to the Court of Appeal. If the defence have that right of appeal, then why not let the case be heard before a jury and not stifle the evidence.

At every stage, it seems the defence has the advantage. Why has this situation arisen when society seems to care more for the criminal and less for the victim and their family?

We as a society require fairness and justice for all, not

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Michelangelo painting 'by plagiarist rival'

THE ENTOMBMENT, one of the only two pictures attributed to Michelangelo in the National Gallery, is not the work of the great 16th century artist, according to Michael Daley, UK director of Art-Watch, an international group who act as independent watchdogs of museums and galleries (Dalya Alberge writes).

The verdict, after two years' extensive research, has shocked the art world.

Mr Daley believes the hand of the unfinished panel is closer to that of Baccio Bandinelli, a devious character and Michelangelo plagiarist with a hatred of his greater rival ..... Page 8

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Rates may rise further

WARNINGS of fresh rises in interest rates were given by senior Conservatives yesterday after figures showing a surprise increase in inflation.

The rise to 2.4 per cent from 2.3 per cent unnerved the financial markets and brought claims that it had been the true reason behind Kenneth Clarke's decision to increase interest rates on Monday.

The news led to shares dropping sharply, and overshadowed the boost for the Government of a larger than expected 34,000 fall in unemployment ..... Page 25

Inquiry after gun found at Durham jail

A GUN and six rounds of ammunition were discovered in Durham jail yesterday after a tip-off. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, announced a full inquiry, but denied that the weapon was slipped through prison security because a policy of "appeasement" operated in high-security units.

A man and a woman were arrested while making a scheduled visit to a Category A prisoner. The inmate was transferred to another prison. Mr Howard, already under fire after the armed break-out bid at Whitemoor Prison last weekend, said he would await the outcome of official investigations before drawing formal conclusions ..... Page 9

Victim's husband admits he faced stabbing charge

GORDON Wardell, husband of the building society manageress murdered for £15,000, broke down and cried yesterday as he described how he came home and found her held at knifepoint in their living room. Mr Wardell, 40, speaking in public for the first time since his wife Carol's killing, admitted that he had once stood trial for stabbing a woman. He insisted: "I don't think this has any relevance to this."

The row over the disclosure of the 24-year-old conviction threatened to overshadow the hunt for the killers of the 39-year-old whose body was dumped in a lay-by in Nuneaton, Warwickshire ..... Page 7

Ferry collapse kills six

A STEEL coupling is prime suspect in the search for the cause of the collapse of a concrete ramp in which six people were killed at Ramsgate ferry terminal early yesterday morning.

Accident investigators have ruled out an early theory that the cantilevered walkway, up which passengers were boarding the *Prins Filip* — is owned by the Belgian government — was struck by another vessel.

Seven people are still in hospital with multiple injuries after falling almost 60ft on to a pontoon ..... Page 5

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Portillo points to new strike laws

Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, signalled clearly yesterday that the Government will consider introducing new strike laws in the wake of the rail dispute. Mr Portillo held private talks with Howard Davies, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, after his call for fresh strike legislation, including "refresher" ballots during long-running disputes.

Before meeting Mr Davies, the Employment Secretary spoke publicly for the first time about possible new legislation. He said: "I will reflect upon the lessons of this strike, and any others, when it comes to an end." Officials confirmed that new strike laws would be considered, though they resisted speculation that Mr Portillo would make an announcement at the Tory conference next month.

Airgun man 'a hero'

Stephen Hood, 35, a school groundsman who shot a teenage joyrider after enduring three months of gangs damaging vehicles, was hailed a hero yesterday after being cleared of unlawful wounding. Marjorie Greenwell, whose home at Grangetown, Cleveland, was attacked by a gang in revenge for the shooting, said: "Thank God for Stephen."

Scientists land big fish

Salmon that are up to 37 times their normal weight by the time they are a year old have been genetically engineered by scientists in Canada. Researchers said commercial development would depend on how the fish tasted. As yet they are "too precious to be consumed", the scientists report in *Nature*. It is not known how big the fish could grow.

Briton escapes caning

A British businessman who admitted molesting a Singapore Airlines stewardess on a flight from London has been spared a caning because of his age. Jagdish Kumar Sharma was sentenced to four months' jail and three strokes of the cane, but the Singapore magistrate changed the sentence to six months' after he was told that Sharma was 51 years old.

New labels for video

Films released on video for home viewing are to carry extra guidance on their content from next month. The new labels will have four symbols, a dagger for violence, a speech bubble for bad language, a stick man and woman for sex and nudity, and a cinema screen with an exclamation mark for theme and content.

Hatton to stand trial

Derek Hatton, the former deputy leader of Liverpool council, was yesterday committed to stand trial for attempting to deceive an insurance company by falsely claiming a horsebox had been stolen. Four other more serious criminal charges against Mr Hatton, 46, all concerning the horsebox, were dropped before St Helens magistrates.

Weather victims

Three people died and several were injured as bad weather swept southern England yesterday. Six people were taken to hospital after lightning struck a factory in Plympton, Devon, just after midnight. Police said they suffered mild electric shocks but were not seriously hurt. The deaths all occurred in road accidents.

Rachel Nickell case: judge denounces police for attempt to snare

Stagg vows to gain legal redress for 'nightmare' year in jail

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

COLIN Stagg left the Old Bailey yesterday promising legal revenge against the police and Paul Britton, the psychologist who oversaw the *undercover operation against him.*

He said his year in prison had been such a "nightmare" he had staged a hunger strike and had considered suicide.

As he left the court he said: "I now intend to take proceedings against the police and the psychologist Paul Britton for the anguish and distress I have suffered during the last 13 months in prison."

Referring to the woman police officer, with whom he had hoped to have a long relationship, he said: "My life has been ruined by a mixture of half-baked psychological theories and some stories written to satisfy the strange sexual requests of an undercover police officer. The judge recognised that there was *never any evidence against* me; no forensic evidence; no confession evidence; nothing at all."

> "My life has been ruined by stories written to satisfy sexual requests of a police officer"

He added: "I am innocent and I always have been innocent of this horrible crime. I have gone through a lot of emotional and physical stress. So much, in fact, that the thought of taking my own life was never far from my mind."

Interviewed on ITN last night, he again denied that he had murdered Rachel Nickell. "It is not in my nature to take any life whatsoever. I believe that life is sacred. I believe anyone who commits a crime such as that has not only committed a crime against God but also against the *universe itself.*"

Mr Stagg said that he felt sorry for the family of Miss Nickell. They had seen a man who had "obviously been set up by the police" when they should have been seeing the murderer get what he deserved. "I had always been on the side of the police, but now I know why so many innocent people get put away in prison," he said.

Mr Stagg said that he had fallen in love with the woman police officer. "I was hoping that we going to have a long relationship together." When he had been arrested the last time, and she had been brought into the interview room, he was shocked. "I would not say angry. I just felt empty. I felt betrayed."

Mr Stagg appealed for the media to leave him alone. "I hope now that the press will allow me some privacy over the next few days as I recover from my ordeal and I am reunited with my dog, Brandy."

Mr Stagg lived alone in a neatly kept three-bedroomed council flat in Roehampton half a mile from the scene of Miss Nickell's death. Mr Stagg's front door bore a plaque announcing "Christians keep away. A pagan dwells here." He is one of five children. His father died in the mid 1980s and the family has drifted away and split up but his mother Hilda was in court yesterday. Mr Stagg's brother Anthony was jailed for five years in 1986 for raping a 19-year-old girl walking her dog on Putney Heath, south London.

Mr Stagg was educated at the Elliott Secondary School nearby in Roehampton. Friends say he passed an entrance examination for the RAF but never entered the service. Unemployed, Mr Stagg spent his days doing odd jobs, a paper round, and walking his dog on Wimbledon Common.

One woman who knew him since his childhood said: "I've always known him to be a polite, shy boy. He would just sit in his room and draw and walk his dog."

Tina Burridge, who lived on the estate and was at school with Mr Stagg, said: "He was a gentle, kind person — someone I couldn't imagine doing anyone any harm. He loved his dog and would take it *everywhere with him.*"

She said the sign on his door was not a joke. "He meant it. He just wanted a quiet life."

When police raided his home they found witchcraft artefacts and books with titles like *Cult and Occult.* His bedroom was painted black. Searchers also seized a black sheath knife, a black studded belt and a pair of black gloves.

In an interview with a journalist shortly before he was arrested, Mr Stagg said: "I follow the Wicca religion, the old religion that was in this country long before Christianity began. People call it witchcraft nowadays but that gives the wrong impression. The important thing about it is that we believe all life is sacred. I wouldn't harm a spider — I'd rather pick it up and put it out of the house."

He said pagan religions were not satanic but taught that all life was precious. He said he regretted killing insects when he was a child. He admitted having several knives in his flat, including a *heavy one for chopping wood* and another for skinning animals — although he said he did not think he could do that.

"I feel no matter how civilised we are if you get caught up in a survival situation, you'd have to do such things to survive. I would feel guilty about killing an animal but our ancestors have been doing it for thousands of years to survive."



Colin Stagg's mother Hilda outside the Old Bailey. His father died in the mid 1980s



The notice on Colin Stagg's front door

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Police will not halt undercover operations

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

THE Rachel Nickell case is a serious setback in the growing deployment of undercover detectives but Scotland Yard made clear yesterday that covert techniques are too important to be abandoned.

So far this year 45 police officers have received commendations, sometimes secretly, from Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, or senior judges for their work in infiltrating criminal gangs. They have been used successfully against organised crime, drug traffickers and potential murderers.

However, senior officers acknowledge that such work can be a costly gamble. In March Keith Hall, a grocer from Leeds, was cleared of murdering his wife although he had "confessed" to an undercover WPC. The judge said "Liz" had actively questioned Hall, which amounted to an interrogation.

A series of investigations into soccer hooligans connected to London clubs collapsed several years ago after doubts about the notes taken by officers working with gangs. There is also concern from defence lawyers about how far the "undercovers" may go. One London operation involving officers posing as "fences" for stolen goods has recently provoked protests of entrapment.

The system of running undercover officers was centralised at the start of the 1990s to end squads running their own operations. Potential recruits are invited to apply for a ten-day course, on which senior officers look for someone with the ability to shrug off the police persona.

The woman officer who ingratiated herself with Colin Stagg would have been backed by a surveillance team monitoring every meeting. A hidden tape recorder or radio transmitter would have provided a record of events. Scotland Yard would also have provided false background to build up the fictional identity.

Neighbours speak up for quiet loner

By Lucy Berrington

A SUPPORTIVE reception awaits Colin Stagg if he moves back to his home on a Roehampton council estate, where neighbours doubted his guilt.

One neighbour, Michelle Collington, said: "I have known him since I was 11. He's quiet, not threatening. All you do is see him walking his dog, he doesn't talk to anyone. He got beaten up after the first time he was arrested but he still held his head up high. I think he'll be all right. He's got a lot of people on his side."

Mr Stagg's flat on Alton Estate has been boarded up during his absence, but it is rumoured that he will return after two weeks in hiding.

Nicki Kane, 18, said: "No one really noticed him. He doesn't get involved in what everyone else does in this community. They just saw him as an outsider. He was really caring, if anything, looking after stray dogs." Deborah Taffurelli, 34, said: "Maybe he aggravated people. But I used to walk home with him from the shop in the dark and I felt quite safe."

A next-door neighbour, who moved in with her three children after Mr Stagg's arrest, was almost alone in her worries. "There's no way we would have taken this flat if we'd known he was coming out," she said.

Where is the justice, asks father of victim

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just for the criminal. When is society and government going to redress the balance so that the scales of justice are level? The law should be just, not just the law.

There is one person who needs the protection of all of you. He is the two-year-old boy who clung to my daughter while her killer murderered her in the most foul way.

He will spend the rest of his life remembering those dreadful minutes. He is under a life sentence. He and his father have, with enormous courage, made a start in another country. They have survived, but Alex remembers everything that has happened.

Alex's one hope is that you leave him alone to grow up with his family in peace and security. He needs to grow up without the constant fear of being discovered by the media. I would ask all of you to leave him in peace. He deserves that chance.

Do not publish his photo. Do not seek him out. Please leave him alone. I think society and the law owe him some justice. Thank you."

CORRECTION

A report (September 10) incorrectly quoted a Sainsbury's spokesman as saying that plans to reform the dairy market should not result in higher milk prices. The spokesman in fact said: "Our concern is that the new system should not result in British shoppers paying a higher price for milk." We apologise for the error.

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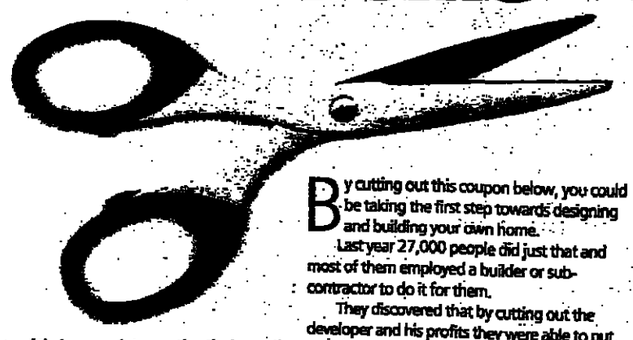
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murder suspect with 'hard-core pornography — without precedent and frankly a disgrace'

Lonely virgin was lured into police trap by tales of sexual fantasy

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE eight-month undercover operation to secure a confession from Colin Stagg for the murder of Rachel Nickell was mounted after detectives were frustrated by a complete lack of scientific evidence.

It led to an intimate, secretly recorded relationship between Mr Stagg and a 30-year-old woman police officer who volunteered to "befriend" him.

The couple wrote lurid letters to each other, the officer using an accommodation address, and spoke of their sexual fantasies as police tried unsuccessfully to trap him.

But during six days of legal argument before Mr Justice Ognall at the Old Bailey, Mr Stagg's lawyer William Clegg, QC, submitted that the operation infringed the defendant's historic right under English common law not to incriminate himself.

He said the officer, who was given the cover name Lizzie James, had subjected Mr Stagg to "quite deliberate manipulation in order to elicit the response from him that she wanted".

Also, he criticised a tape recording that she sent to him of a sexual fantasy, designed to remove his inhibitions and stimulate his imagination, as "hard-core pornography . . . something without precedent and frankly a disgrace".

John Nutting, for the prosecution, conceded that the undercover operation was on the cusp of admissibility as evidence but said the officer had a legitimate role to obtain information.

The Old Bailey was told that as police inquiries failed to pinpoint Miss Nickell's killer, a woman called Julie Pines contacted them to say she had begun corresponding with Mr Stagg through a lonely hearts advert she had placed in a newspaper. The contents of the third letter she received from him were "disgusting" and she handed over the correspondence. The undercover operation, in which the blonde policewoman pretended to be a friend of Ms Pines, was then drawn up by the criminal psychologist Paul Britton. The woman officer agreed to win his confidence by claiming she had read and enjoyed his letters.

Their subsequent correspondence, presented to the court, was a mixture of romantic infatuation and sexual fantasies, prompted by the officer.

According to Mr Britton, who studied the correspondence, Mr Stagg's fantasies showed a sexual deviance "indistinguishable" from that of Miss Nickell's killer.

The policewoman first contacted the unemployed handyman in January 1993, nearly six months after the murder. Letters led to telephone calls and finally a series of secretly taped meetings in Hyde Park, London.

> "I am sure your fantasies hold no bounds and that you are as uninhibited as I am"

Mr Britton's analysis, which was presented to the court by Mr Clegg, indicated the 31-year-old bachelor was a rare type of "sexual deviant" who had remained a virgin.

In his dealings with the policewoman, Mr Stagg allegedly spoke of his sexual fantasies, his desperate desire to form a relationship with a woman, and his physical imperfections.

As she hinted that she had a dark secret of her own and that their relationship would be hindered if Mr Stagg were not open with her, he claimed to have committed a "phantom" murder. But that was not the murder of Rachel Nickell, Mr Clegg said, and Mr Stagg's claims of a killing in the New Forest were dismissed by police as an attempt to impress the officer.

The court heard that Mr Stagg described intimate and unpleasant details of Miss Nickell's body after the assault on Wimbledon Common which police claimed only the killer could have known.

But he maintained that his description came from a photograph detectives had shown him and he consistently denied the murder of the part-time model, whose throat was cut from behind to stop her screaming after she had been forced to kneel.

In her introductory letter, the policewoman described herself as blonde and attractive, and indicated that she had an open attitude towards sex. In his reply, dated the following day, Mr Stagg said he liked his own company and secluded nude sunbathing, but admitted: "I do sometimes get painfully lonely."

In his next letter Mr Stagg wrote that he had "never had a sex life", enclosed a photograph and detailed a fantasy about sex in the garden.

The officer then sent him a Valentine card, and later wrote: "I am sure your fantasies hold no bounds and you are as broad-minded and as uninhibited as me."

Mr Clegg argued in court that her letters encouraged his client to further deviant fantasies. "She knew Mr Stagg was a virgin and promised a future sexual relationship saying when they did meet it would be an exciting and nerve-wracking time."

Mr Clegg said that in her role as Lizzie, the policewoman had tried to convince Mr Stagg she had deviant fantasies and "tried to encourage him to give her similar uninhibited wild fantasies. When his fantasies did not progress in the way she liked she did not reply.

"In desperation she said to him she had taken part in the satanic murder of a young woman who had her throat cut, the same method of killing as in Rachel Nickell, and also had taken part in the murder of a child.

"She said after the killing she had the best sex ever, using the phrase 'it really buzzed'. She could only have a relationship with someone who had the same experience. It was plain she expected him to say he had killed Rachel Nickell. Much to her fury, he did not say that," Mr Clegg said. Instead Mr Stagg told her he had killed a girl in the New Forest, "which of course was a lie".

The police officer then went as far as to say to Mr Stagg that if only he had done the Wimbledon Common murder it would be great, Mr Clegg said. Mr Stagg had replied he was sorry, but he had not. The prosecution alleged that the letters gave information which was "significant indication" that he was beginning to match up with Mr Britton's psychological profile of Miss Nickell's killer.

In May 1993 he sent a letter in which he referred for the first time to his arrest on suspicion of the murder of Miss Nickell. He blamed the arrest on lies by neighbours.

During a telephone call Miss Nickell's death was discussed further. WPC James told him it might be easier for their relationship if he had murdered the woman.

When they met in Hyde Park for lunch later that month, Mr Stagg handed over a letter containing details of more sadistic fantasies, including scenes which, according to Mr Britton's analysis, could have featured in Miss Nickell's murder — a local common, sunny weather, trees and a knife used to trace marks on the victim's body.

At a third meeting in the park, Mr Stagg admitted he was close to the murder scene and started to show signs of sexual arousal. In a telephone call he told the policewoman he would like to take her to the common and creep up on her with a knife.

Police suspended the undercover operation, on Mr Britton's advice, after an interview which Mr Stagg gave to the *Daily Star* in July last year in which he protested his innocence.

After the article had been published, Mr Stagg wrote a letter to WPC James containing sadistic sexual fantasy, the court was told. This included forcing sex upon a "tall, sexy, blonde woman" as she faced away from him on her knees. He went on to talk of using a knife on her neck to splash blood over an unnamed second man.

Mr Stagg then allegedly telephoned and disclosed more detailed knowledge of Miss Nickell's injuries. He said it had been correct for him to deceive the *Daily Star* in denying this knowledge.



Rachel Nickell's parents, Andrew and Monica, and her brother, Mark, leaving the Old Bailey yesterday after Colin Stagg had been freed

Psychologist was brains behind 'deviant' letters

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE attempted entrapment of Colin Stagg was masterminded by Paul Britton, the country's foremost forensic psychologist. Mr Britton, the pioneer of offender profiling in Britain, has played a central role in more than 70 investigations into some of the bloodiest and most complex cases.

He was reputed to be the inspiration for the television series *Cracker*, which starred Robbie Coltrane as a police psychologist.

Mr Britton's skill is to penetrate the minds of criminals to give police clues about their personalities, emotions, education, habits, family backgrounds and appearance.



Britton: uncannily accurate profiles

After a decade of working unpaid behind the scenes, Mr Britton, 48, was thrust into the public spotlight over the James Bulger case. Having visited the railway track where James met his death, and walked the route taken by the killers, he sat down at a desk covered with shocking evidence and produced an accurate portrait of the killers.

He said they were from broken homes, had been involved in petty crime, and lived close to where the body was found. His picture of what went on in the minds of Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, before and after the murder, shocked hardened detectives.

Mr Britton, the head of Trent Regional Forensic Consultancy Service, was called in by the police after the discovery of Rachel Nickell's body. He carried out an offender profile after he visited the murder scene and studied photographs from the post-mortem examination.

He read a report by the pathologist, studied Miss Nickell's background and lifestyle, which showed she was unlikely to become familiar with men after a brief acquaintance. He concluded that the killer had a rare sexual deviance, was sadistic and needed to feel a sense of power.

During an eight-month police operation involving an undercover policewoman, Mr Britton advised her how to gain Mr Stagg's confidence, which led him to confess his sexual fantasies.

He produced a chillingly accurate profile of Michael Sams, who is serving four life sentences for the murder of Julie Dart and the kidnap of Stephanie Slater. It was Mr Britton who said a police officer had spiked baby food with razor blades: Detective Sergeant Rodney Whitchelo was convicted.

Mr Britton was involved in controversy in 1992 after he conducted a filmed interview with the mass murderer Dennis Nilsen in Albany Prison, which later appeared in a television programme.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and Russian detectives have sought his expertise and he runs courses on offender profiling.

Mr Britton, who is married with two children, also works as a postgraduate tutor at the universities of Leicester and Sheffield.

Public grief at gifted young woman's death

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE savage killing of Rachel Nickell as she strolled on Wimbledon Common with her two-year-old son Alex and the family dog on a warm July morning two years ago launched one of the biggest murder hunts in London.

Overwhelming public grief was prompted by the pitiful image of a blood-soaked little boy clinging to the body of his beautiful mother. She lay beside a silver birch tree with 49 stab wounds while he cried "Get up mummy".

Flowers, cards and gifts were sent by the public. But one message received by Miss Nickell's partner, Andre Hanscome, from a stranger spoke for all. It read: "There are thousands of us out here crying."

The blonde part-time model had been a gifted pupil at her school, remembered for her academic and athletic achievements, her kindness and her *joie de vivre*.

But motherhood, which came unexpectedly early after a happy, middle-class childhood in the Essex village of Wickham Bishops, was what fulfilled her. Alex, whose fingers had to be prised from her body and who remained speechless for 24 hours after her death, has made a good recovery from the trauma after treatment from a Dr *Jean Harris Hendriks*, leading child psychiatrist.

The boy is said to have blossomed in France, where his devoted father, a tennis coach, took him to escape the memory and minimise the risk of retribution from the killer as the only witness.

Miss Nickell, who was studying for an English degree at Thames Polytechnic, met Mr Hanscome in 1989 at Richmond swimming pool where she had a holiday job as a lifeguard. That evening they had their first date and within weeks they set up home in a flat in Balham, south London.

Mr Hanscome, who was working as a dispatch rider, had had a lonely early life, and his relationship with Miss Nickell gave him previously unknown happiness.

After she had recovered from the shock of becoming pregnant at the age of 19, the couple were determined to have a natural birth at home, attended by a midwife, and Alex was born a year after they had met.

The couple planned to marry when Alex was old enough to understand the ceremony and to live by the sea in France, a move they contemplated when they received an offer on their flat.

On the morning of July 15, 1992, Mr Hanscome, 25, hugged and kissed his girlfriend and Alex as he left for work. As he ran down the stairs his last words were "Love you" and they waved from the landing.

He had been making a delivery in Chesthunt, Hertfordshire, when he decided to call Miss Nickell at lunchtime from a telephone box, only to find a policeman answering the phone.

Mr Hanscome recalls: "He said she'd been attacked while walking on the common — she'd been killed. I just wailed like an animal. People were walking past me. I thought I was going insane. Rachel was dead, everything I ever believed in gone completely."

Miss Nickell's parents, Andrew, a retired businessman, and Monica, were touring in Canada when their daughter was killed and it took police four days to track them down.

Mr Nickell, who lives at Ampthill, Bedfordshire, said: "Life can never be normal again. Things have gone and they cannot be replaced."

At the County High School for girls, Colchester, Miss Nickell passed nine O levels before going to Colchester Institute to take A levels in English, history and law. She excelled also at drama, as a swimmer, dancer and member of the school choir. For three years she was a volunteer helper at the annual parties given by the school for handicapped children and elderly people.

Fiona Giles, a friend from the age of nine when both girls went to Great Totham primary school, said: "She was always happy and such good fun, always laughing and smiling.

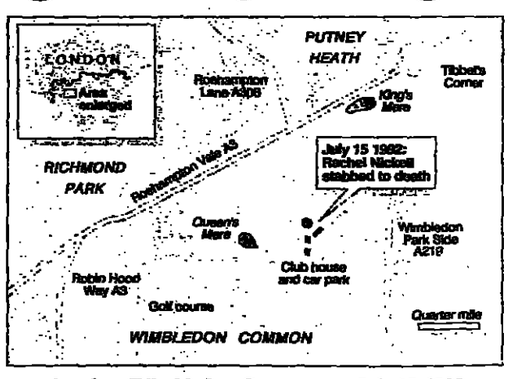
"She had a love of life. At school she was definitely leader of the class, a very charismatic person."

Mr Hanscome told *Hello!* magazine last year that their son Alex only remembered Rachel "with a smile on his face. It's been unbelievable how quickly he's recovered."

□ Jim Reader, head clerk and ranger of Wimbledon Common, was told at a recent police liaison meeting that the common is now one of the safest areas of London.

Since Rachel Nickell's murder, he and his staff have tackled the huge task of clearing visibility around the paths and 17 miles of bridleways. "It has made a difference," he said.





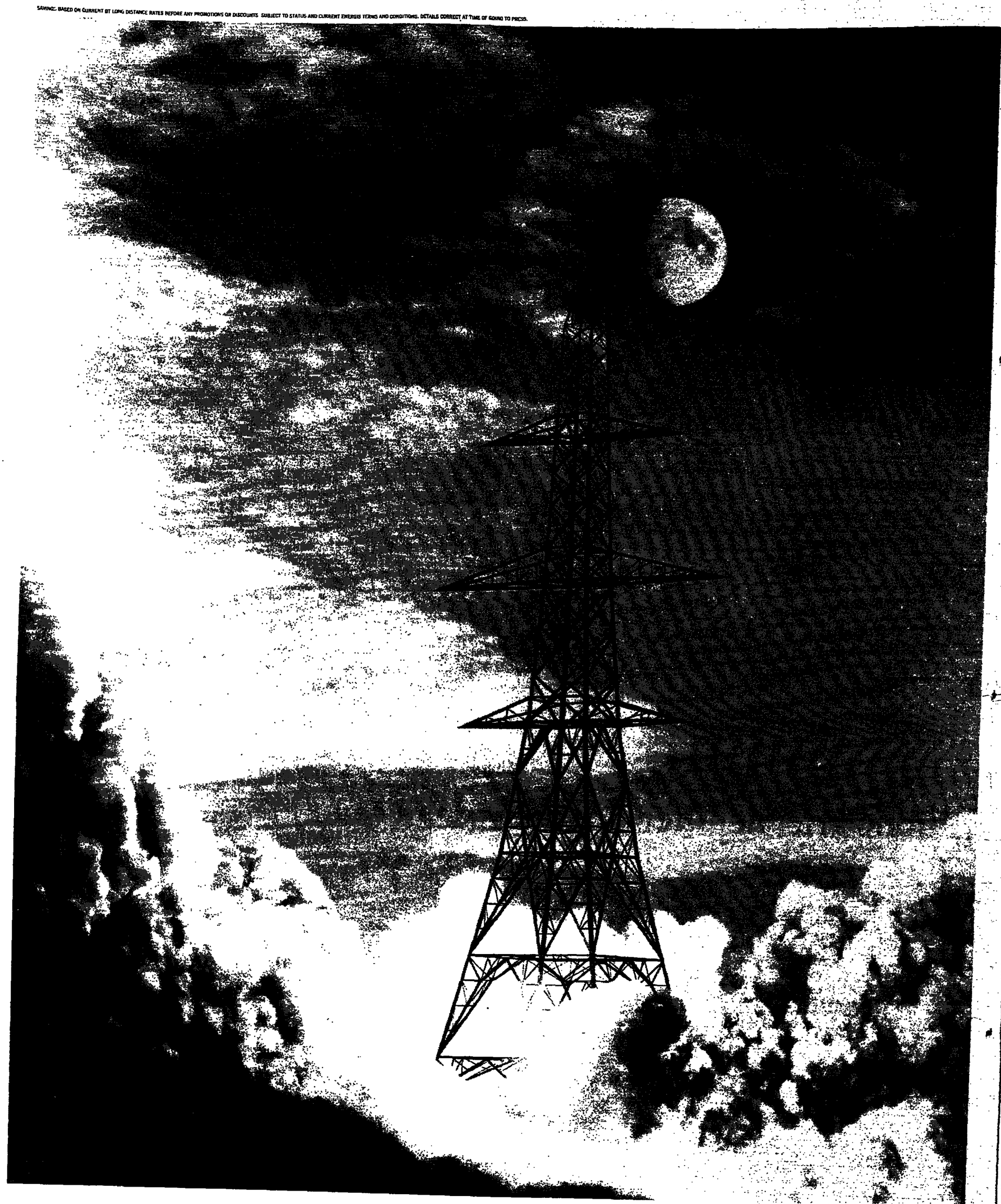
Rachel Nickell, who was murdered on Wimbledon Common on July 15, 1992

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Police divers recover steel section from dock coupling at Ramsgate ferry terminal

Two Britons among six killed by gangway crash

By Bill Frost

INVESTIGATORS have begun a detailed examination of the passenger walkway which collapsed at the Ramsgate ferry terminal early yesterday, killing six people and leaving seven others seriously injured.

It is believed that a flexible steel coupling which linked two sections of the 100ft passage gave way. A Kent Police spokesman said police divers had recovered a large steel part, believed to have come from the coupling between the first and second sections of the walkway.

Five people boarding the Belgian-registered *Prins Filip* died instantly when the walkway collapsed, sending them plunging almost 60ft to a floating steel pontoon below. Doctors at Kent and Canterbury Hospital were unable to save a sixth victim. Two Britons were among the men and a woman who died: a 42-year-old man from Bolton and a 34-year-old man from the Manchester area.

Those injured were Darren Welson, 24, John Gaffney, 24, Chod McLintock, 24, all from Mission Vallejo, California; David Gillespie, 34, from Las Vegas, Nevada; Evelyn Obernosterer, 24, from Austria; and a 22-year-old Japanese. More than 400 passengers had boarded the ferry before the collapse.

Claims that the ferry had struck the pontoon which supports the gangway just before the accident were hotly denied by port authorities. "Conditions were calm and it was low tide. This is not a case of human error. We are looking at structural failure of the coupling between the first and second sections of the walkway," a senior source said.

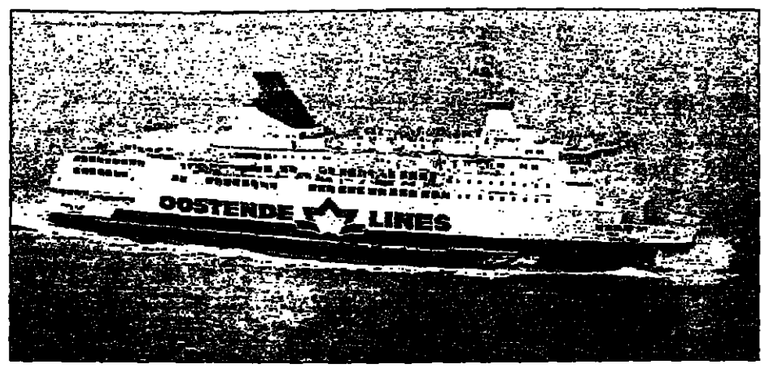
Ambulance and emergency crews were at the port within minutes of the accident at 12.45am. Neal Fowler of Kent Fire Brigade said: "There was a heap of bodies trapped in the walkway which had collapsed on to the pontoon. They had all fallen on to each other. It was a ghastly scene."

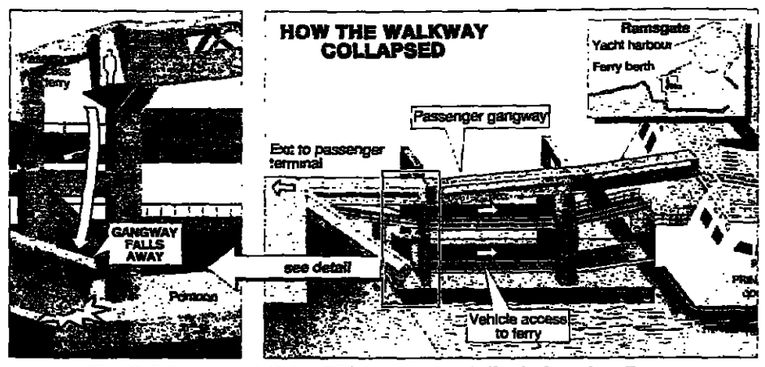
Tony Dixon, a passenger, said he watched as the gangway collapsed just after he passed from the first to the second section. "The power went off and everything began to shake and rattle. I had to hang on to a steel railing on the second section. I looked back and saw a man who had fallen hanging on to something in the collapsed section. Then he just let go and fell."

Passengers who had disembarked from the ferry, operated by *Oostende Lines* which is owned by the Belgian government, claimed that the walkways seemed unstable.

Reg Cooper, managing director of Port Ramsgate Limited, which ordered the walkway, said: "I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those who died and those who were injured. At this stage we have no indication why the walkway collapsed."

Mr Cooper said the walkway was brought into service last March after being given a Lloyd's marine safety certificate. A representative of FEAB, the Swedish manufacturer, was on his way to Ramsgate last night. Lester Champs, general manager of Port Ramsgate, said that investigators would be studying the walkway's coupling.





The Belgian-owned *Prins Filip* used a specially designed walkway

Safety team looks for metal fatigue signs

By Tim Jones, transport correspondent

THE team investigating the walkway collapse will be trying to ascertain why a relatively simple structure, less than a year old with a design life of 25 years, could have failed with such disastrous consequences.

They will examine whether metal fatigue could have been a factor in the collapse.

With a length of 90ft and a height of 56ft, the walkway, designed specifically for the *Prins Filip*, was unusual in British ports but did not differ much from similar structures in use.

Stefan Mattsson, managing director of FEAB, of Sweden, the company that manufactured the walkway, said last night that he was totally mystified by the failure. "We have been building similar links for 20 years and we have no idea why this one collapsed," he said.

Comet may be heading for collision with Earth

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

A COMET could be on a collision course with Earth, Professor Stephen Hawking said yesterday. On a visit to Kuala Lumpur, the British physicist was commenting on reports that the newly discovered comet Machholz-2 was heading Earth's way.

"I think it's almost certain the comet will miss Earth," said Professor Hawking, who suffers from motor neurone disease and speaks through a voice synthesiser. "But if it did hit, it would probably mean the end of the human race."

The comet, discovered last month by an American astronomer, has broken into smaller pieces, just as did Shoemaker-Levy-9 before colliding with Jupiter in July. Five pieces of Machholz-2 have been sighted, all on a path that will ultimately bring them into the Earth's orbit.

Professor Hawking said: "The last time Earth was hit by a comet, it created the Gulf of Mexico and wiped out the dinosaurs.". His greatest fear was that the human race would be eliminated by nuclear war, a genetic accident "or some other means".

Scientists identify breast cancer genes

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

BRITISH and American scientists have made big advances in the understanding of breast cancer. A British-led team has discovered a new breast cancer gene, while an American group has isolated a gene whose existence was already known.

The discoveries bring screening tests designed to detect women at particular risk from the disease much closer. They are important because women who carry the genes have an overwhelmingly large chance of developing breast cancer: often a mother, sister, or aunt has died of it.

Isolation of the known gene, called BRCA1, will enable scientists to develop a test to identify women who carry it, giving them an opportunity to identify cancer, or to make the more difficult decision of having a mastectomy to forestall the disease.

Some women in the United States from families with a history of breast cancer have already had prophylactic mastectomies. British doctors have been unwilling to follow suit but a screening test based on the gene could make the decision easier.

The evidence is that carriers of altered versions of BRCA1 run a 60 per cent chance of developing breast cancer by the age of 50, and 85 per cent by the age of 65, if nothing is done to protect them.

The British work found that not all familial breast cancer was caused by BRCA1. Scientists believe the new gene, BRCA2, will turn out to be equally important.

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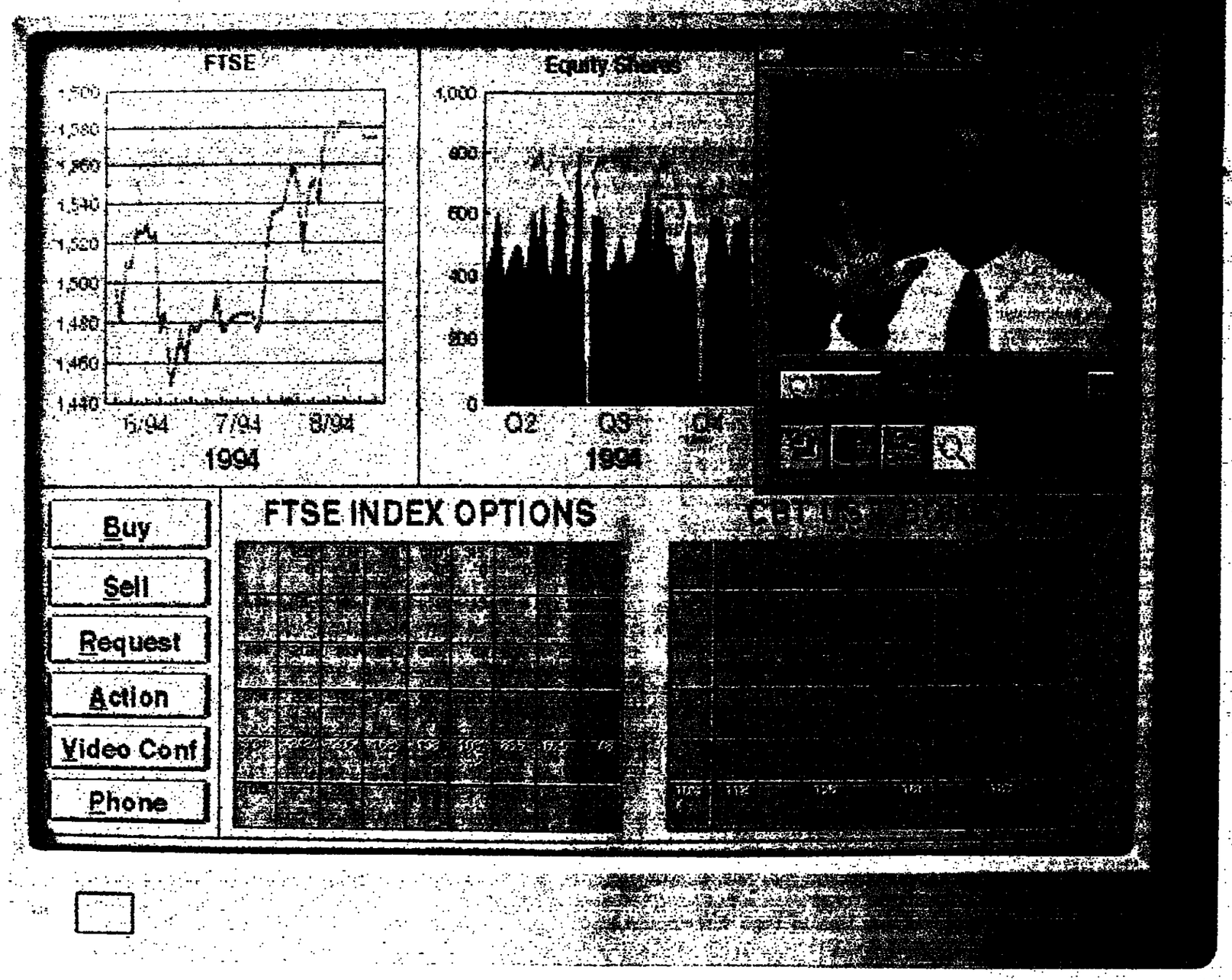
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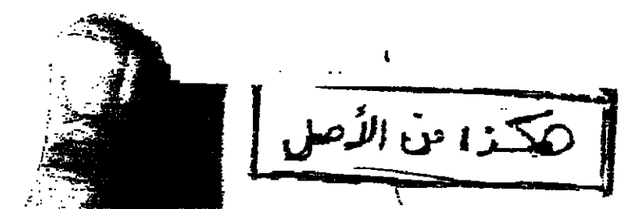
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Press reports detract from building society murder inquiry, say police

Disclosure of conviction condemned by husband

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE husband of the murdered building society manageress yesterday condemned newspapers reports that disclosed he had been charged with attempted murder during his school days.

Gordon Wardell, 40, said: "I feel it's almost another injustice to my wife." He was joined by his mother and Detective Superintendent Tony Bayliss in criticising reports of a four-year sentence for grievous bodily harm when he was 17.

Police feared the publicity would detract from their successful appeals for information about the murder of Carol Wardell, 38, whose body was found dumped in a lay-by near Nuneaton, Warwickshire, on Monday morning.

Mr Wardell was in a wheelchair when he faced the press for 12 minutes in Nuneaton yesterday. He looked pale and his voice was little more than a murmur. He was asked what he could say about the 1970 conviction, which had been reported in some newspapers.

"My main interest is to catch the killers of my wife, not what I did," he said. "I don't think this has any relevance."

He repeated his account of events leading to his wife's death. "The first thing I noticed was a cigarette," he said. "I walked into the lounge and was grabbed. That's the first time I saw my wife and the last. A man had got hold of my wife and was threatening her with a knife.

"I was grabbed from both sides from the back and forced down. He was wearing a clown's mask, a dark blue boiler-type suit. I lost consciousness. The next thing I know I was on the floor, bound and gagged. I was told to keep quiet. I don't know exactly what has happened. I've lost everything."

The only time Mr Wardell came close to losing his composure was when a reporter said his wife seemed like a very popular woman and could he expand on that. For a while Mr Wardell was silent, holding his temple and trembling. "She always worked hard," he said, "and always did her best and was totally conscientious."

Mr Wardell's mother Betty, 68, insisted that her son had not been involved in the events leading to his wife's death. She acknowledged the similarities between the two cases. "It's uncanny, isn't it?" she said.

Court reports of Mr Wardell's conviction for grievous bodily harm at Warwick Assizes in 1970 describe how he twice stabbed the wife of a schoolteacher after tying her hands behind her back and putting sticking plaster over her mouth. A plea of not guilty to attempted murder was accepted by the prosecution.

"I'm now worried that the public are going to think about the fact that a knife was involved and think, oh, he must be involved," she said. "We are standing by Gordon. Of course he is innocent."

Mrs Wardell said she had insisted her son told Carol and his future mother-in-law about the conviction before their wedding. "He sat her down and explained everything to her," she said.

Police said the press report was unhelpful. Mr Bayliss said: "People may over-focus on Mr Wardell and draw their own conclusions."

He said a new witness had come forward who saw a metallic car making a right turn into Abbey Street, Nuneaton, site of the Woolwich Building Society, at 5am on Monday. Three men and a woman were in the car.

That reinforces an earlier sighting of a woman sitting between two men in the back of an Austin Montego-type car in Abbey Street at 5.20am. The building society was raided between 5am and 5.30am. Anyone who saw a car with a woman and several men inside between Mrs Wardell's home village of Meriden and Nuneaton on Monday is urged to telephone the incident room on 0926 415760.

JAMIE JONES



Gordon Wardell at the press conference yesterday. "My main interest is to catch the killers of my wife," he said

Incinerators 'threaten health'

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS, environmentalists and trades unions called yesterday for a crackdown on waste incineration and other chemical processes amid claims that they are exposing the public to high levels of pollutants linked with cancer, lowered intelligence, damage to the immune system and poor sperm counts.

The call comes after research published by the United States Environmental Protection Agency on dioxins, a class of chlorinated chemicals that form during combustion and as byproducts of industries such as paper and plastics. The report, based on a review of more than 100 scientists, has concluded that even at small levels dioxins, which pollute vegetables, cattle and oily fish and are absorbed in the diet, pose a serious health risk.

Most people are now contaminated with dioxin levels at or close to those shown to cause serious health defects in laboratory animals, Professor Claude Hughes, of Duke University, North Carolina, and a member of the agency's review panel, said yesterday.

Greenpeace yesterday published a list of about 40 operating or planned incinerators in Britain linked with household waste, cement-making and the burning of sewage sludge, which it claims are the main sources of dioxins.

MSF union welcomes clergy

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A CLERGY section of the MSF union for skilled and professional people was launched in London yesterday in response to fears over the future of the "clergy freehold" that guarantees work until retirement.

The Church of England's financial difficulties have also led to fears over redundancies and parish mergers. Chris Ball, MSF's national officer for voluntary organisations, said: "This parallels the growth of union membership among the staff of charities."

Cases such as that of the Rev Anthony Freeman, the Sussex priest dismissed because he did not accept the conventional concept of God, have also raised concerns about the power of bishops to dispense with clergy.

Mr Ball said: "Abolition of the benefice freehold would make it imperative that clergy have the protection and legal back-up of a modern union."

☐ The Gloucester diocese is seeking a person of "sound spirituality, deep prayer and common sense" as exorcist to replace Canon Ian Hazelwood, who recently retired from his "ministry of deliverance". He has called for improved training of clergy in dealing with all aspects of the supernatural, including the possession of the soul by demons.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mother's body found in quarry

A woman who disappeared two months ago was found dead in a sand quarry yesterday with a cord around her neck. The body of Wendy Hubbard, 27, was discovered by workers digging at the former Rufford Colliery near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

Mrs Hubbard, who was separated from her husband, had an eight-year-old son, Christopher, who is being cared for by grandparents. She was last seen on July 19 outside her home in Mansfield. Her former boyfriend, Kevin Gautry, 31, is in custody, charged with her murder.

Concorde man slashes hand

The president of a British computer game company was taken to hospital in New York after accidentally slashing his hand on a Concorde flight. Rod Cousens, 50, whose company Acclaim Europe produced the Mortal Kombat game, needed stitches and was kept in hospital overnight.

£850 house

A four-storey Victorian council house in Blaenllechau, Mid Glamorgan, has been sold for £850. Mike Bradley, treasurer of Rhondda Borough Council, said the dilapidated house was sold rather than pay £10,000 to knock it down.

Boy in fall dies

Simon Williams, 9, of Newcastle upon Tyne, died in hospital on Tuesday night, six days after falling 30ft while playing on an escalator at St James's Metro station.

Arms cache

An arsenal of shotguns, ammunition and firebombs was found in a house near Aberkenfig, Mid Glamorgan. A man aged 29 was being questioned yesterday.

Cannon theft

Two 18th-century ships' cannon worth about £10,000 were stolen from a garden in Kirtlington, Oxfordshire.

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National Gallery stands by Michelangelo attribution as experts revive doubts with new evidence

Verdict on Entombment divides the art world

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

THE verdict that *The Entombment* in the National Gallery is not the work of Michelangelo has again divided the art world.

Its attribution has long been questioned, although this century it has been widely accepted to be by the Renaissance master.

The National Gallery's purchase of it for £2,000 in 1968 caused an outcry. Michael Daley, British director of ArtWatch, which acts as an independent watchdog of museums and galleries, has returned to questions raised in the 19th century, finding new evidence to attribute the painting to one of Michelangelo's lesser contemporaries.

Even in the 17th century the Michelangelo attribution was questioned. Its provenance cannot be traced back beyond 1649 — almost a century and a half after it is supposed to have been painted.

However, the painting's pride of place in the National Gallery for a century has given it an established status.

Mr Daley claims that scholars have made "contradictory, often wildly hypothetical misreadings" of the panel, and have often changed their minds about the work's date: "One minute it is said to have been painted in Florence, during the artist's twentieth year, the next in Rome when he was 31, and later when 40." Its distinctive costumes and coiffures had also been variously attributed.

He suggests that the attribution to Baccio Bandinelli is supported by the painting's stylistic similarities with works by artists such as Andrea Del Sarto or Rosso Fiorentino, who influenced and instructed Bandinelli in oil painting. Their images are similar to *The Entombment's* in the treatment of costume and hairstyles, which, he maintains, are uncharacteristic of Michelangelo's style.

As an artist in his own right, so often a test of artistry, he said: "These are spider hands, the hands of an amateur." The landscape is not only unresolved, he added, but there is no air in the picture — something so apparent in the *Doni Tondo*, the circular painting of the Holy Family in the Uffizi, Florence.

Mr Daley claims the costumes and coiffures in *The Entombment* are uncharacteristic of Michelangelo, who dressed his figures in "timeless" clothing. "He invented clothing to suit his sculptural purposes ... Michelangelo could not have known of these fashions in 1500." Yet, in *The Entombment*, the distinctive puffed sleeves pinched round the arm with a band are, he says, "a virtual mirror image" of a kneeling figure in Rosso's *The Betrothal of the Virgin* (1523). Mr Daley pointed out that while the National Gallery argues that *The Entombment* is dated 1499-1501, the fashions in it did not exist until the 1520s.

Dr Nicholas Penny, Clore Curator of Italian Paintings, 1450-1600, at the National Gallery, said that judging the date of historic painting with reference to costume evidence is "extremely dangerous and has been much discredited ... A history painting set in an imaginative conception of the past, unlike a portrait, has to be handled with extreme care." He added: "The long orange gown worn by St John is not something you would have seen people wearing on the streets of Florence ... Michelangelo costumes are very bizarre."

Mr Daley's doubts though are strengthened by Michelangelo's well-known dislike of oils. *The Entombment* is largely painted in oils. We also know, according to Mr Daley, that Bandinelli was keen to know the secrets of painting in oil, and had to resort to surreptitious means to learn it from another rival.

Dr Penny takes issue over whether *The Entombment* is Michelangelo's only oil painting. He said the *Doni Tondo* is also in oil. But even over that, there is disagreement. Mr Daley said it is tempera with an ingredient that is possibly oil. Professor Beck (also a member of ArtWatch), making a complex subject even more complex, said that they are to an extent both right: The *Doni Tondo* is in tempera grassa, and there is a fine dividing line between oil and that medium.

Dr Penny believes that Michelangelo's comments about oils mean little: "He disparaged much that he did."

The National Gallery links *The Entombment* with bankers' records of money paid to Michelangelo in 1500 for a painting. However, Mr Daley argued, "this same evidence also reveals that Michelangelo 'did not' supply a painting and that he returned the money in full".

Mr Daley also asks why the National Gallery ignores the testimony of Vasari's writing, which mentions an unfinished painting by Bandinelli. The artist, Vasari wrote, was commissioned to paint a large panel and made a fine cartoon of a dead Christ surrounded by various figures. "But it remained unfinished."

Dr Penny said that there are many unfinished works recorded by Bandinelli and other artists in the 16th century. "We know a lot about Bandinelli technique and style of drawing, and this does not correspond with them. We know he had difficulty with oil painting. A reference to a painting of a dead Christ by him would not normally lead one to suppose that it was an unusual interpretation of the body of Christ being carried to the tomb — the subject of the National Gallery's painting."

"Making and Meaning: the Young Michelangelo" opens at the National Gallery on October 19 and closes on January 15. Admission is free.

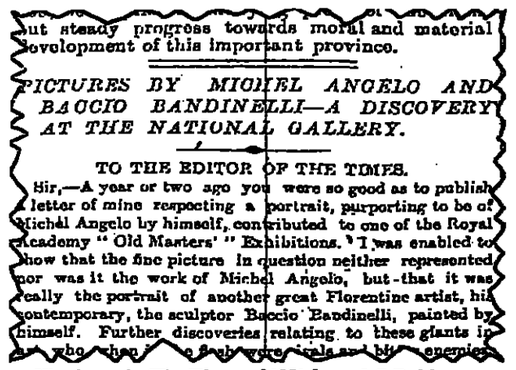
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Did Bandinelli, left, paint *The Entombment*, or was it the work of Michelangelo, right?



The Entombment, one of the only two pictures attributed to Michelangelo in the National Gallery, London



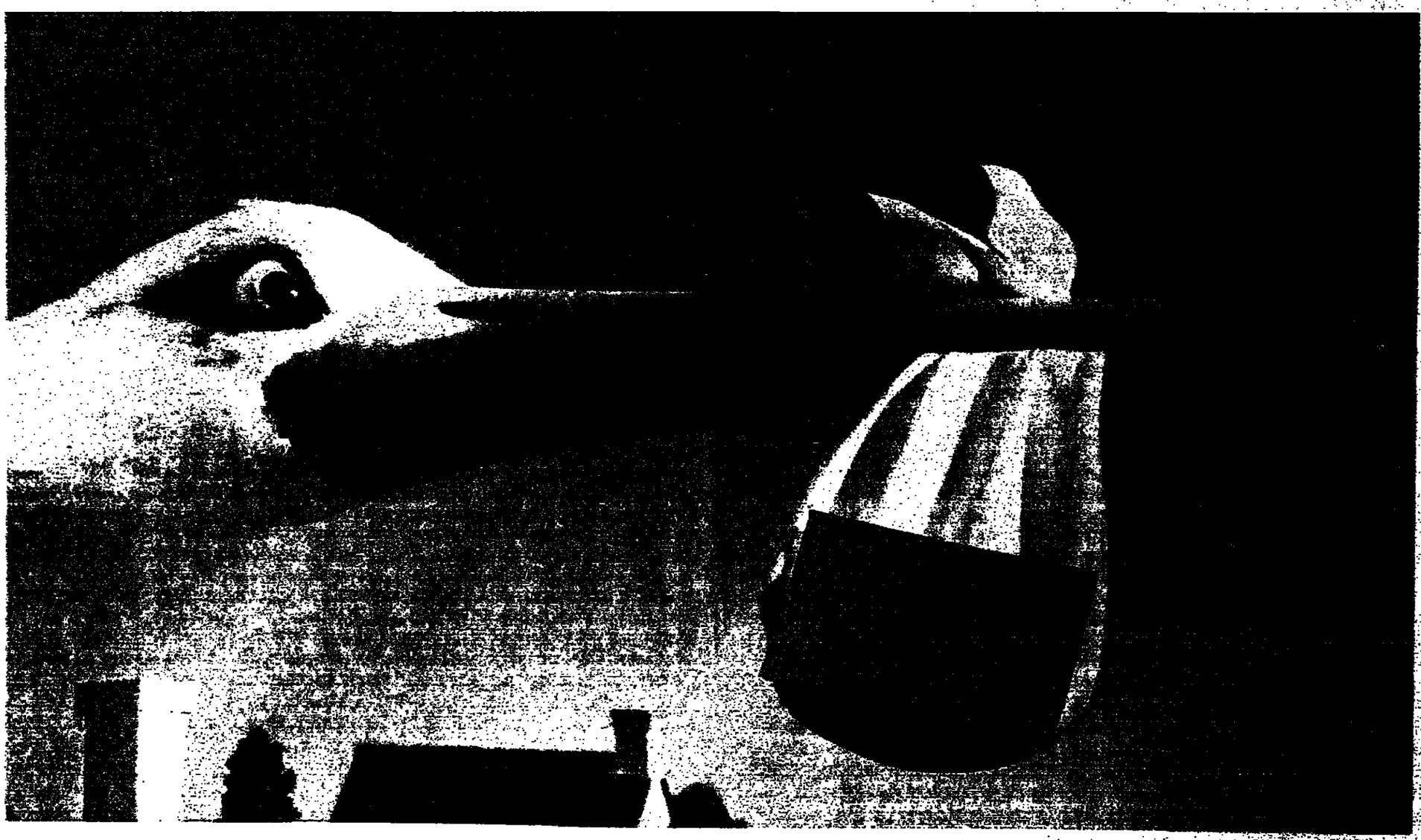
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TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,—A year or two ago you were so good as to publish a letter of mine respecting a portrait, purporting to be of Michel Angelo by himself, contributed to one of the Royal Academy "Old Masters'" Exhibitions. I was enabled to show that the fine picture in question neither represented nor was it the work of Michel Angelo, but that it was really the portrait of another great Florentine artist, his contemporary, the sculptor Baccio Bandinelli, painted by himself. Further discoveries relating to these giants in [illegible] have since [illegible] and [illegible] energies

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Arms find increases calls for review of jail security

By Paul Wilkinson

Prison officials say the latest arms find is evidence of the effectiveness of security measures and the vigilance of staff

PRISON authorities started their second inquiry into security in less than a week yesterday after a handgun and ammunition were seized at the top-security Durham jail.

Six rounds of .22 ammunition were found on a man and woman visiting the prison. In a follow-up search a small pistol, described by police as a type of Derringer, was found in two pieces in different parts of the segregation unit. One report suggested that a prisoner attempted to swallow the part he was concealing.

It is understood police had been tipped off about an attempt to smuggle a weapon into the jail.

The discovery came after the unsuccessful break-out last Friday by six high-risk prisoners, including five IRA men, from Whitemoor jail in Cambridgeshire. Two handguns were used during that attempted escape and a prison officer was wounded.

The incidents prompted the Prison Officers' Association (POA) to claim that the Home Office is operating a policy of appeasement of high-security prisoners, giving them greater privileges than other inmates.

David Evans, secretary of the association, said yesterday that because of cost-cutting and privatisation, the Prison Service was "not being attended to in the way the public expects. It is not dealing with the bread and butter job of security." Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has denied appeasing maximum-security prisoners or allowing relaxed conditions for IRA members. When he announced the Durham inquiry yesterday, he said high-security prisoners faced much greater restrictions than those in other areas, and added that the whole question of privileges in jail was under review.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, said there was growing concern about security. "The thought that security arrangements may be more lax for high-security perisoners will strike people as absolutely extraordinary. In the light of the incidents over the past few days it would be folly for us not to investigate this very clearly and there needs to be a proper review of security arrangements."



Bowman: escaped from custody twice

Derek Lewis, Director-General of the Prison Service, said that the incident at Durham had shown that the security system worked. "This attempt failed, thanks to alert staff having done a good job. Staff acted swiftly and prevented the ammunition getting into the prison.

"The investigation I have instituted will seek to indentify how the components of a gun got into the prison." It will be led by Jim Blakey, a senior area manager.

It emerged last night that the bullets were destined for Simon Bowman who had already escaped from custody twice, once from Durham in 1990 when he seized a woman prison officer and held a razor to her throat.

Bowman, 30, a high-risk category A prisoner from Sunderland, has a record of involvement in violent crime. He is serving a 12-year sentence for illegal possession of a shotgun and conspiracy to rob and was on remand on charges arising out of his escape last April during a hospital visit from Garth Prison, Lancashire.

After the gun was discovered on Tuesday afternoon Bowman was transferred to another top-security jail.

Durham Police are questioning a man and a woman in their early 30s, from Sunderland, about the arms find. They were searched after passing through a screening device, and a small quantity of cannabis was also found.

Prison staff immediately instituted a "lock-down" in which all of the 600 inmates was returned to their cells while police helped with a three-hour search.

Ray Mitchell, governor of Durham Prison, said there had been no reduction of manning or security in the segregation unit in recent months. "I believe the system is as thorough as we can get it at the moment," he said. "We do not have any terrorist prisoners in Durham."

But John Marshall, a Durham POA commitee member, said officers had complained about a lack of searches. "There are drugs and all kinds of things getting into Durham at the moment ... Instead of concentrating on our primary role of protecting the public, we are spending most of our time making the lives of prisoners better by increasing their leisure time and allowing more visits."



Bernadette and Adrian Mooney in court in Bucharest yesterday

British couple 'did not know baby deal was illegal'

By Lin Jenkins

THE British couple accused of illegally paying £4,000 for a Romanian baby and trying to smuggle her out of the country told a court in Bucharest yesterday that they did not know they were breaking the law.

Adrian and Bernadette Mooney, of Wokingham, Berkshire, described how their car was stopped at the border with the five-month-old girl, named Monica, hidden in a cardboard box behind the driver's seat.

The couple are the first foreigners to be charged with violating Romanian adoption laws. They appeared in court alongside the child's teenage parents, an alleged Romanian baby-broker and his two accomplices. They were asked to leave when the Mooneys gave evidence.

Mr Mooney, 42, a brewery manager, said through a translator that the couple had adopted a Romanian child in 1991 and had not been aware that the new law, introduced in 1992, required a court ruling to legalise adoptions. He said that border guards had discovered Monica hidden in the car. He agreed that she was in a box on the floor and had been given some medicine as she seemed restless and appeared to be suffering from toothache.

His wife, 29, said that they had met Ioan Batrama, the alleged middleman, through Amanda Page, a British lawyer who had helped other British couples to adopt Romanian babies. "Batrama asked us for $6,000 to pay for his work," she said. "We saw the baby and we liked her."

The case was adjourned for two weeks to allow a witness for the couple to give evidence. Mr and Mrs Mooney have been on bail after spending 13 nights in police cells in Bucharest. Bail conditions prevent them from leaving the country.

Immigrants break out

FIVE illegal immigrants awaiting deportation escaped from a detention centre early yesterday by cutting a hole in the perimeter fence.

The three Algerians, a Libyan and a Lebanese were discovered missing from the Home Office's Haslar detention centre in Gosport, Hampshire, at the morning roll-call.

Stations and ferry ports were alerted and police used spotter planes and tracker dogs in a hunt for the men.

Police said: "None of the five are thought to be dangerous and we believe they have escaped to try and remain in Britain after being detained for entering the country illegally."

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Troops banned from tourist areas

British soldiers have admitted killing guide, says detective

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA AND MICHAEL EVANS

BRITISH troops in Cyprus were banned from the main tourist resorts yesterday as hundreds of police and National Guardsmen searched for the body of the Danish tour guide alleged to have been murdered.

Three soldiers from the 1st Battalion Royal Green Jackets are in custody in connection with the case.

A spokesman for the British forces in Cyprus said: "It would be inappropriate for members of the British forces to be seen to be enjoying themselves in the wake of this incident." One British officer said: "There is a feeling of disbelief, disgust, horror and revulsion on the [British sovereign] bases. It's a massive dent to the image of the armed forces."

Chief Inspector Simos Andreou of the Famagusta-area police said all three soldiers had admitted murdering Louise Jensen, 23, from Denmark. He said the search for a body would continue until midnight and resume at dawn today.

Miss Jensen was abducted in the early hours of Tuesday morning, after she was knocked off the passenger seat of a motorcycle.

Police are holding Riflemen Justin Fowler, 26, Alan Ford, 26 and Jeff Pernell, 23, all



Fowler: one of three soldiers in custody

serving with the Royal Green Jackets at the Dhekelia base near Larnaca. Insp Andreou said no charges would be made until the body was found. The men were remanded in custody for eight days on Tuesday and are being held in separate police stations.

Ayia Napa, near where Miss Jensen was kidnapped, Limassol and Larnaca have been put out of bounds for ten days for the 10,000 British soldiers in Cyprus.

The ban was not expected to affect 400 British soldiers who had applied to attend last night's European Cup Winners' Cup match in Nicosia between Arsenal and the Cypriot club, Omonia.

Mr Andreou said the three soldiers had left the Dhekelia base on Tuesday afternoon and had been seen drinking in pubs in Ayia Napa where there have been brawls previously involving British soldiers and Cypriots.

"When the British are drunk it creates trouble, but when they are not drunk they are very polite," he said.

Last night a police spokesman said the arrested soldiers had told them they could not remember where the guide's body had been left. He said: "We will continue the search throughout the night until we find her, alive or dead."

The British forces have offered special search teams and helicopters but the police have refused assistance.

The three arrested soldiers are receiving British legal aid but they are expected to be represented by Cypriot lawyers. Life sentences for murder in Cyprus do not exceed 20 years and, with remissions for good behaviour, few spend more than eight years in *prison*.



Martin Shillitoe auditioning a young violinist last year before he was dismissed from the Northern Sinfonia

Sacked concert chief wins £11,000

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A CONCERT manager sacked after a series of orchestral mishaps has been awarded the maximum £11,000 for unfair dismissal. Among the disasters Martin Shillito, 50, was blamed for was a failure in the sound system which left Richard Baker mute as he narrated *Façade* during a tribute to the composer Sir William Walton.

He was accused by John Summers, chief executive of the Northern Sinfonia, of making the orchestra look "pathetically amateurish" and ordered to write an apology to Sir William's widow, who had been in the audience.

Mr Shillito was also blamed for sending musicians attending an audition to one hall while orchestra officials waited at another.

When the orchestra came under financial pressures last year he was made redundant. His employers said his job could be merged with another, but an industrial tribunal in Newcastle upon Tyne last June found that that was not the real reason for his dismissal.

It said that Mr Shillito, who had denied the problems were his sole responsibility, had not been given a chance to defend himself. James Myers, the chairman, said the desire to remove him had been "dressed up as something else, it was not redundancy, and if it was it would still have been unfair".

RSPB steps up appeal to save corncrake

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

ORNITHOLOGISTS pleaded yesterday for help to save Britain's most endangered bird from extinction.

Small breeding colonies of the corncrake survive on Scottish islands, but elsewhere the once-common species has all but vanished because of modern farming methods. No birds have been identified in Northern Ireland this year and only four have been heard in England.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds appealed for an extra £100,000 a year to fund work aimed at expanding the number of corncrakes on the Hebridean islands of Coll and Tiree. The RSPB is already spending £250,000 a year on the project.

Gwyn Williams, head of species and habitat policy, said: "We have shown that the birds can recover with the right co-operation between conservationists and farmers, but we need more funds if such initiatives are to be expanded."

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Round 5: S M N R W (E A E E) ..... MENSWEAR

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Ashdown unveils arsenal of possible new policies

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

AN EBULLIENT Paddy Ashdown put forward a package of new policy ideas yesterday and scorned the notion that Tony Blair's accession to the Labour leadership marks the end of Liberal Democrat hopes of a breakthrough at the next election.

As a record 2,000 Liberal Democrat delegates prepared this weekend's annual conference in Brighton, the Liberal Democrat leader portrayed his party as the pacesetters in *new political ideas* and presented Mr Blair's new-look Labour party as *hesitant* converts to the cause.

Echoing the "mould breakers" of the SDP/Liberal alliance of the early 1980s, Mr Ashdown rejoiced in evidence of cracks in the temples of power, saying that only in such circumstances could a third party flourish.

Mr Ashdown risked angering party activists by saying that he wanted an electable Labour Party because it would be good for Britain and his own party. He also complimented Mr Blair, saying he liked and respected him.

At the same time, he pointed to sharp policy differences and suggested that Labour was trailing 3-5 years behind his radical thinking.

Reacting to opinion polls *suggesting that Mr Blair's* more moderate and forward-looking leadership has cut the ground from under the Liberal Democrats, Mr Ashdown said that similar predictions had been made when John Major and John Smith assumed the helm and had been proved false.

Mr Ashdown was speaking at the launch of a "personal manifesto" intended as much as a challenge to his own party as a signpost to future Liberal Democrat policies.

The paper, *Making Change Our Ally*, says that parents should be made responsible for enforcing court curfews imposed on delinquent teenagers, calls for cash cards for benefit claimants, and urges that referendums be held to settle *matters such as local* planning disputes.

But it also goes much further by sketching out the eight key policy areas in which changes must be made to restore public trust in the political system. Mr Ashdown gives strong backing for a "flexible, competitive enterprise economy".

He says that employers should be given a temporary subsidy to take on the long-term jobless and calls for a more flexible welfare state in which people claiming benefits have more freedom to take on part-time work.

Crime and the growing *sense of alienation among the* young should be tackled by *steps aimed at recreating* "responsible citizenship", strengthening a sense of community and making everyone "stake-holders" in society.

He denied that Mr Blair's election had given him a gloomy summer. Instead, after a year of unparalleled electoral success for his party in local and European elections, *it opened up new possibilities* from which the Liberal Democrats could gain.

"Both Britain and the *Liberal Democrats will prosper* if Labour comes onto our agenda. If it joins us three years, five years behind on the route we are taking, that means somebody else is arguing for the things we are arguing for. I am quite content to be five years ahead of the Labour Party."

PERSONAL MANIFESTO

Economy:
- ☐ Britain's participation in any European single currency
- ☐ Tax breaks for business investment
- ☐ Right to profit-sharing for all employees

Jobs:
- ☐ Subsidy to firms taking on the long-term unemployed
- ☐ Cash cards for benefit claimants with part-time jobs
- ☐ *Training and education to curb dependency on state handouts*

Education:
- ☐ Nursery places for all 3 and 4-year-olds
- ☐ Incentives for good teachers

Crime:
- ☐ Making parents responsible for enforcing curfews on young offenders

Peter Riddell, page 16

ADAM BUTLER



John Major and Jacques Santer at Chequers yesterday

Major stays cool on Euro currency talks

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

JOHN Major underlined yesterday his opposition to discussions on a single currency at the 1996 review conference on the future of the *European Union*.

Speaking after talks with Jacques Santer, the next head of the European Commission, the Prime Minister said that the conference would concentrate on the institutional changes needed to accommodate new EU members. "I will be very surprised if a single currency is part of the debate in 1996," he said. "Many people misunderstand that."

His coolness towards a single currency contrasts with the enthusiasm of France and Germany to force the pace of European integration in 1996.

Mr Major, seeking to paper over Tory divisions, has reserved the right to opt out of a *single currency if and when one is created*. "At some stage in the future people will make a *judgment about whether that can proceed or* not. But that's not a matter that's going to be *particularly on the table in 1996*," he said.

He used his discussions at Chequers to press the claims of Sir Leon Brittan and Neil Kinnock to senior portfolios after January 1. Mr Major is pressing for Sir Leon to retain the trade commissioner's job and he is understood to have asked for Mr Kinnock to be given as high profile a job as possible.

Mr Kinnock's name has been linked with the overseas aid and transport jobs but Mr Santer will make up his mind afrer completing a tour of EU capitals.

Pay squeeze 'will cost Tories votes'

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

KENNETH Clarke was given a *warning* last night that his hardline pay squeeze on five *million public-sector workers* would rebound against the Government at the next general election.

Union leaders pressed independent pay review bodies to override the Chancellor's call for "downward pressure" on pay awards in next year's settlement.

Mr Clarke underlined his determination to block inflationary pay increases by telling the pay-review bodies that a realistic approach to public-sector awards was a key element in controlling public spending. His continuation of the policy introduced two years ago, requiring that increases be covered by efficiency savings and other economies, has provoked fears *that it will become permanent.*

In a statement accompanying *the Government's* economic evidence to the review bodies, Mr Clarke insisted: "I am determined to maintain *firm control of public spending* in order to reduce public borrowing." The first reaction from professions affected by review-body awards, however, suggest that he faces a tough battle to keep pay increases within inflation.

The review bodies' pay recommendations, covering 1.4 million staff, will be a benchmark for wage negotiations next year. The five review bodies make recommendations on pay increases for public servants including doctors, nurses and midwives, teachers, the armed forces and judges.

The National Union of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers led opposition to the continuing squeeze. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary, said: "The Government demanded increased productivity — teachers have delivered. The Government now reneges on its side of the bargain. This dirty double dealing will cost the Government dearly at the next general election."

"NASUWT will argue strongly with the School Teachers' Review Body that it should breach the grossly unjust freeze and recommend decent and deserved pay increases," he said.

Harriet Harman, the shadow Treasury Secretary, said: "A further freeze on public-sector pay will be bitterly resented by people working in *the public sector who are* seeing their taxes rise and now *interest rates increase.*"

The British Medical Association also warned Mr Clarke that by insisting that pay awards be funded out of efficiency savings he would create a two-tier system of wealthy and poor trust hospitals. "We will increasingly see that those hospitals with surpluses attract doctors from those who have deficits."

The Royal College of Nursing said the attempt to freeze public-sector pay in 1995 would devastate nursing morale and be seen as glaringly unjust after the recent 4.7 per cent award to MPs.

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Kasparov in lead

Garry Kasparov, the world champion, demolished the Latvian grandmaster Alexei Shirov in round nine of the international tournament currently in progress in Zurich. Kasparov's victory against the man who had been sharing the lead with him came in an elegant game full of startling sacrificial points.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Alexei Shirov
Zurich, 1994

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	e6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	Nc6
6	Ndb5	d6
7	Bf4	e5
8	Bg5	a6
9	Na3	b5
10	Nd5	Be7
11	Bxf6	Bxf6
12	c3	Bb7
13	Nc2	Nb8
14	a4	bxa4
15	Rxa4	Nd7
16	Rb4	Nc5
17	Rxb7	Nxb7
18	b4	Bg5
19	Na3	0-0
20	Nc4	a5
21	Bd3	axb4
22	cxb4	Qb8
23	h4	Bh6
24	Nxb6	Ra2
25	0-0	Rd2
26	Qf3	Qa7
27	Nd7	Nd8
28	Nxf8	Kxf8
29	b5	Qa3
30	Qf5	Ke8
31	Bc4	Rc2
32	Qxh7	Rxc4
33	Qg8+	Kd7
34	Nb6+	Ke7
35	Nxc4	Qc5
36	Ra1	Qd4
37	Ra3	Bc1
38	Ne3	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Zurich scores

With two rounds still to be played, Kasparov lead with 7 points from 9 games. The 63-year-old veteran Viktor Korchnoi fell back by losing to the Russian grandmaster Artur Yusupov who has now moved into sole second place with 6.5 points.

Hodgson triumph

In the second section of the Zurich event, the London *grandmaster Julian Hodgson* has scored one of the greatest *results of his career.* Hodgson leads the field by two clear *points with two rounds to go* and has thus assured himself of, at worst, a tie for first prize well before the tournament is completed.

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Reading: F100 (10), FD14 (10), F1V6 (10), F1L1 (10), F1G5 (10)
Robert Gordon: F110, CF91
Salford: F100 (10), F1N1 (12), F105 (10), F140 (10), FC11 (10), FF13 (10), FC17 (10), FL11 (10), FG11 (10)
Salford, UC: F1F1
Sheffield Hallam: F110, F103, FN11, EF71, FF19
Southampton: F100, F101
Sussex: F120, F100
St Mary's Coll: CF11, WFL1, QF31, FF81, VF11, FQ15, FG11, VF81
Staffordshire: F110, F100, FG14, FC17, CF11, FN11, FJ13, FG15, F148, FL15, FF16, FF13, FF19
Stockport Coll: F100
Strathclyde: F100 (16), F110 (16)
Sunderland: FG15 (8), FL11 (8), FR11 (8), FF16 (8), FR12 (8), FG11 (8), F813 (8)
Surrey: F100, F103, F105, F101, F104, F106, F102
UEA: F102 (24), F335 (14), F146 (18), F100 (12), F125 (12), F181 (12), FF19
UMIST: F100 (16), F101 (16), F102 (16), F112 (16), F126 (16), F140 (16), F160 (16), F180 (16), F1R1 (16), F1R2 (16), F1R4 (16), NF11 (20)
Teesside: F100, F1T9
Wales, Bangor: F100 (8), F102 (8), F103 (6), F141 (8), F140 (8)
Wales, Cardiff: F160 (8), F110 (6), CF71 (12), F100 (8), F101 (8)
Wales, Swansea: F100 (14), F101 (14), F102 (16), F104 (16), F105 (16), F107 (12), F161 (14), F180 (14), F192 (14), F1G5 (14)
West of England: F110
Wolverhampton: F110

COGNITIVE SCIENCE
Hertfordshire: C801

COMBINED SCIENCE/ STUDIES
Bournemouth: Y110, Y118
Brighton: Y100
Canterbury, Christ Church Coll: WY31, GY11, LY31, WY11, WY31, GY11, LY3C, YW11, GY5C, GY1C, GY51
Glasgow Caledonian: Y100
Norwich, City Coll: Y100 (6)
Greenwich: Y400, Y100, Y108
Huddersfield: Y108
Kingston: Y108
Leicester: Y158 (16)
London, King's Coll: B950 (22)
Loughborough: HF19 (10)
Manchester Metro: Y103
Middlesex: Y400
Newcastle: Y100 (14), Y101 (10)
North London: Y100
Norwich, City Coll: Y100
Oxford Brookes: F610, F310, C140, C501, H600, C160, F600, B150, G150, BD44
Paisley: Y100
Stockton: Y100 (4)
Strathclyde: Y100 (8)
Teesside: F9M3, Y1N1
West of England: NY11, Y100, Y110, Y120
Wolverhampton: Y100, Y110

COMPUTER SCIENCE/ STUDIES
Abertay Dundee: G1G5, G500, G561, FG35, CG15, FG15, CG85
Anglia: G500
Aston: CG15 (18), GG15 (24), GM51 (24), GN51 (24), GR51 (20), GR52 (18), G5T2 (20), G500 (18)
Bolton Inst: CG15, FG95, G500, GG15, GK54, GV51, GV57, GW59, LG55, LG65, GN51, GN54, GQ53,
Bournemouth: HG65, HG6M, CG86, BH96, Y118
Bradford: G500, G501, G520, G521, G5N1, G5NC
Brighton: Y100
Brunel: F3GM, F3GN, F3G5, G5LR
Buckingham: C8G5 (10), G5N4 (10), G5G1 (10), G5L1 (10), G5N2 (10)
Central England: G500 (10), G561 (10)
Central Lancs: GN51, GT58
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: G5GN, G5NC, G1G5, GN5C, G5T9, GN24, G1G5
City: G500 (12), G522 (10), G1G5 (12)
Coventry: FG15, CF53, G560, G500, G5T2, GL51, G523, LG58, GG45
Derby: G900, G501
De Montfort: G562, G523
Dundee: FG35 (12), FG15 (12), G500 (12), GHM6 (12), GL51 (12), CG85 (14), GN54 (12), LG75 (14), GG51 (12)
Durham: G500 (18)
East London: G440, G900, GQ93, GV91
Essex: G500 (12), G532 (12), G570 (12), G5R1 (12), GW53 (16)
Glamorgan: G508
Glasgow Caledonian: G500, G561
Greenwich: L7G5, F3G5, H620, G651, G530, G501, G561, G530, G4G5, G500
Guildhall: G599, Y400
Heriot-Watt: G500, GH57
Hertfordshire: G5T2, G500, GG15, G5F5, G5N1, G5F1, G5H6, G5T2, G5F6, GFB1, G5M3, G5H7, G5G1, G5V7, G5F3, G5G4, F5G5, N1G5, F1G5, H6G5, T2G5, F6G5, B1G5, H7G5, G1G5, V7G5, F3G5, G4G5
Huddersfield: G523, GN51, GT52, GG54, GL57, GN5C, G560
Hull: G500 (12), G560 (12), GG15 (12), G501
Humberside: G500
King Alfred's Coll: Y400
Kingston: GG45 (8), FG15 (4), FG85 (6), FG65 (6), GG15 (6), FG35
Leicester: G500 (14)
Leeds Metro: G501
Liverpool: G500 (12), G501 (14), G506 (12), G520 (12)
London, King's Coll: F1G5 (16), G5H6 (16), G500 (18)
London, QMW: G500 (18), G5N1 (18), GG45 (18)
London, RH: G500 (18), G5N1 (18)
London, UCL: G500 (18), G5C8 (18), G5H6 (20)
Luton: G500
LSU, Southampton: C1G5, C508, C5G1
Manchester Metro: FG35, G500, G508, GG15, FG35, GGC5, FG15, GL51, GH5P, GT52, GH57, FG25, FGH5, GL53
Napier: G500, F345
Nene Coll: G560
NE Wales Inst: G511
Newcastle: G500 (10), GL51 (16), FG35 (14), GG15 (14), GG45 (14), NG45 (16)
North London: G500, GG5C, G501, Y100, G5N1
Northumbria: G501, G508, G5N1, G599
Nottingham Trent: FG15, FG35, CG15, FGX5, G501, G500, Y400
Oxford, Brookes: GG45, CG15, FG85, GN57, FG15, GG59, GL51, FG95, GH52, GT59, GR52, GV51, GG5M, GG5N, GG15, GH56, CW53, FGH5, FG35, GK54, GM51, GP55, GN55
Paisley: G500
Plymouth: GP52, G600
Portsmouth: FG15, GG45, FG65
QMC, Edinburgh: G560
Reading: F1G5 (10), G500 (18)
Robert Gordon: NG15, G500, G501, G1G5
Salford: H6N1, CG15 (12), GL51 (12), GG15 (12), GF53 (12), G510
Sheffield: G500 (16)
Sheffield Hallam: G501
Southampton: G500 (24), GT59 (24)
South Bank: GN51, GN54, G501, GH57
Staffordshire: GG54, CG15, JG35, G502, G508, GRM1, GRM2, GRM3, G900, G500, G5RC, G5RF, G5RK, FG15, LG15, GH56, GF56, FG35
Strathclyde: G500 (16), G5M3 (16), G5T9 (16)
Sunderland: FG15 (8), G500 (4), G523 (6), G5R1 (6), G5R2 (6), G5R3 (6)
Surrey: GG1M, GG15, L112, H202, H203, H294
Sussex: G500 (18), G575 (18), G5R1 (18), G5R2 (18), G5R3 (18), G5R8 (18), G5R4 (18), GG15 (10), H6G5
Staffordshire: GL58, G529
Swansea: G501
Teesside: G500, N125
UEA: G500 (16), G502 (18), G510 (16), G1G5 (12), GG51 (12)
Ulster: G510, G545, NN59 (16)
UMIST: G510 (16), G560 (16), GR51 (12), GR52 (12), Q112 (12), QR11 (12), QR12 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: G500 (14), GN54 (18), GG15 (14), GGC5 (14), GGD5 (14), GG45 (14), G5T9 (16)
Wales, Bangor: H6N1
Wales, Swansea: G500 (16), G501 (12)
West of England: G450, G501, G500, G534
Wolverhampton: Y600, G501

CONSERVATION
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F9FC, FF6X
East London: C901
Guildhall: J570
Kingston: F970 (8)
London, Wye Coll: F900 (14), D255 (14)
Scarborough: CD12, DF27, FD82
Sussex: C901 (18)
York: C900 (16)

DECISION SCIENCE
Hertfordshire: GN42

DRUG DESIGN
Hull: F130 (12)

EARTH SCIENCE AND STUDIES
Anglia: F920
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F9FC, FF6X, G1F9
Greenwich: F925
Kingston: F920 (6)
Liverpool John Moores: F920
Wales, Aberystwyth: F910 (14)
West London Inst: F9W1, F9N1, FQ94, F9G5, FW94

ECOLOGY
Anglia: F940, FF19
Bath Coll: N750
East London: C910
Greenwich: C999
Huddersfield: F901
Liverpool John Moores: C910
London, Imperial: C900 (20)
London, QMW: C900 (12)
Middlesex: F940
Nescot: C120
North London: F940, Y100
Sussex: C901 (18)
York: C900 (16)

EDUCATION (SCIENCE)
Brighton: X971, XF79
Edge Hill Coll: E4EX (8)
Coventry: C100
Hull: F1E1 (12)
Kingston: EY21, EY61
Leeds, Bretton Hall: EF29, EF59, EW29, EW59
Leeds Metro: EW72, XG7F
Liverpool John Moores: E7C1, E7F1, E7F3, E7N7, E7W2, EW72, EX72
Manchester Metro: EW72
NE Wales Inst: E7N1
Sheffield Hallam: EF71, EG51, EY71
Scarborough: EC41, EC21, EG41, EG21
York: C1X3, G1X3, F3X3

ENERGY STUDIES
Brighton: Y100, JN91
City: HJ39 (12)
Glamorgan: FG99

ENTOMOLOGY
London, Imperial: C345 (20)

ENVIROMENTAL BIOLOGY
Bath Coll: Y400
Edge Hill Coll: C162 (10)
Hull: C160 (14)
Norwich, City Coll: C160 (6)
Oxford, Brookes: FG94, CF19, FF89, FN97, FF19, FG95, FL91, FH92, FT99, FR92, FV91, FG9M, FN9N, FG91, FW93, FP89, FF39, FK94, FP95, FN95
London, Wye Coll: F930 (12), C160 (12)
South Bank: C160
Strathclyde: F900 (18)

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
Cardiff Inst: F910 (10)
Cranfield, Silsoe: N802 (14)
Edge Hill Coll: C162 (10)
Humberside: D499R
London, Wye Coll: F900 (14), D255 (14)
Luton: F910
Sheffield Hallam: H250
Worcester CHE: N800
York: C491 (16)

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES/ SCIENCE
Abertay Dundee: F900
Anglia: F901
Askham Bryan Coll: N800
Bolton Inst: CF19, FG91, FG95, FV97, FW99, FV91
Bournemouth: F938 (16)
Brighton: F901
Buckingham: MC39 (12)
Canterbury, Christ Church Coll: F901, F900
Central England: K440, K4F9, K4K4, K4K3, K4L3, K4N9, K4W2
Central Lancs: F910, F9D2
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F6FX, D955
Colchester Inst: F900
Coventry: F199, F9T2, F900
Cranfield, Silsoe: N1F9 (14), N802 (12)
De Montfort: F910
Derby: F900, F910, Y600, HF19
Dundee: F900 (12), FF39 (12)
East London: FV91
Edinburgh: F140 (16), F630 (18), Y670 (18)
Essex: C160 (8), F160 (6), C161
Farnborough Coll: F910
Glamorgan: F900, FL93
Glasgow Caledonian: F900
Greenwich: C160, C168, F199, K340, F925, B900, F918
Hertfordshire: F9F5, F9N1, F9F1, F9H6, F9T2, F9F6, F9B1, F9H7, F9G1, F9V7, F9F3, F9G4, F140, F148, F910, F918, F5F9, N1F9, F1F9, H6F9, T2F9, F6F9, B1F9, H7F9, G1F9, V7F9, F3F9, G4F9
Huddersfield: F901, F910
Humberside: F900 (12)
Kingston: F900 (8), F970 (8), F630 (6)
Leeds: F900 (22), F904 (16), F902 (18)
Leeds, Bretton Hall: EF29, EF59
Liverpool John Moores: F900, F1F9, F910, FN91
London, King's Coll: C1F9 (22), F910 (22), B900 (16)
London, QMW: F900 (16)
London, Wye Coll: F930 (12), F900 (14)
Luton: Y400, F900, F901
Manchester Metro: CF19, B900, F900, F910C, F910, F901, F907, CF19
Middlesex: F9Y1, B900, F900, F908, FNX1, J950, J958, Y400
NE Wales Inst: F900
North London: FF19
Napier: C160, F374
Nescot: F918, K241
Nene: Y4C1, F910
Newcastle: D242 (8), H255 (12), H256 (18), D202 (14)
Nottingham Trent: GF59, F901, FF19, FF39, FGX5, FGXM
Paisley: F900
Reading: G160 (12), G254 (12), F900 (16), LL18 (18), N800 (18)
Robert Gordon: F900
Salford: F140 (10), F900 (14), F922 (16)
Scarborough: F9W4, F9W1, F9W3, F9WK, F9G9, F9L3, F9Q3, F9V1, F9V8, W4F9, W1F9, W3Y1, V8F9
Sheffield Hallam: CF99, FF19, FF39
St Mary's Coll: F900
Staffordshire: F920, C160, F148, F901, CF19, FF19, FF39
Stockton: L1F9 (6), F900 (6), F9H2 (6)
Strathclyde: CH92 (12)
Surrey: C540
Sussex: F900, F9R1, F9R2, F9R3, F9R4
UEA: G1F9 (12)
UMIST: H875, H2N8, F353, F354, F3F9, F3FY
West London Inst: LQ84, L8W1, L8W5, LW84, L8N1, L8G5, FL68, LV81, LX88, LW83, LV88, LX8Y
Westminster: F910, FN91, F900
West of England: B900
Wolverhampton: Y600, F900, K3F9
York: C900 (16)

FOOD SCIENCE/ STUDIES
Anglia: BC41, N700
Bath Coll: D450
Bournemouth: N721, D400
Brighton: ND14
Cardiff Inst: D400 (10)
Cranfield, Silsoe: N5D4 (12)
Greenwich: B400
Humberside: D400 (10), D421 (10), D401 (10), D4N1 (10), B400 (10), D499R
Huddersfield: DB44, ND74
Manchester Metro: D421, D4N1
Leeds: D400 (8)
Leeds Metro: BD44
Liverpool John Moores: D4L5
North London: BC41, N700, Y100
Newcastle: D420 (10)
Plymouth: D202, D400, D203
QMC, Edinburgh: D420, D4N5, D401
Reading: FD14 (10), D430 (12), D400 (12), D450 (12), D470 (12), D421 (12)
Robert Gordon: D4N1
Scottish Agricultural Coll: DN28, DN21
South Bank: D400, N781
Strathclyde: DC45 (18)
Surrey: CD54, B400, BD44
Thames Valley: N799

FORESTRY/FOREST STUDIES
Wales, Bangor: D300 (10), D322 (10)

GENETICS
Dundee: C420 (12)
Leeds: C400 (18)
London, King's Coll: C400 (22)
London, QMW: C400 (12), C4C5 (12)
Newcastle: C400 (18)
York: C400 (16)

GEOGRAPHY
Bath Coll: Y400
Brighton: Y100
Central Lancs: FL88
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: V8L8
Coventry: FL18, CL18, F800, LF83, LL18, LG58, RL18, LR82, LK84, LM81, G562, GL18, GL48
Greenwich: FG85, F800
Huddersfield: L800
Kingston: GL58 (10), L800 (12), F800 (12), FF81 (6), FG95 (6), FL81 (6), FR81 (6), FF86 (6), FG81 (6), FG84 (6), CF18
London, Guildhall: F899, L800, Y400
London, RH: F800 (20), FF68 (20)
LSU, Southampton: C1L8, G5L8, L8G1
Luton: F800, Y400
Nene Coll: L800
Portsmouth: FF18, F8R2, F800, F808, F8X9, FF68
Salford: GF18 (14), FL11 (12)
Scarborough: FD82
Sussex: F800 (16)
West London Inst: LQ84, LW84, LQ83, L8W5, L8G5, L8N1, L8W1
Wolverhampton: F840

GEOLOGY
Anglia: F600
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F6F9, F6G1, F6FX, F6G5, FF6X
Derby: F600, Y600
Durham: F600 (14)
Edinburgh: F600 (18)
Exeter: F605 (4)
Greenwich: F600
Hertfordshire: F6F5, F6N1, F6F1, F6G5, F6L1, F6H6, F6F9, F6T2, F6B1, F6N2, F6V7, F6F3, F6G4, F5F6, N1F6, F1F6, G5F6, L1F6, H6F6, T2F6, B1F6, N2F6, F3F6, G4F6, F9F6, V7F6
Kingston: F600 (6), FG65 (6), FL61 (6), FR61 (6), FR61 (6), FF63 (4), FF86 (6), F615 (6), F630 (6)
Leicester: F600 (12), F610 (12)
London, QMW: FF69 (10)
London, UCL: F500 (16), F600, F630, F650, F660, F654
Luton: F600, Y400
Plymouth: D203
Portsmouth: FF16, F6R2, F6R1, FG64, F6X9, F600, F608, FF68, FG61, FF36, FG65
Staffordshire: F600, FL68, FG64, CF16, FJ63, FF16, GF56, FM66, FFG3
Sunderland: FF16 (8), CF16 (8), FR62 (8), F611 (4), F609 (4)
Wales, Aberystwyth: F600 (14)
West London Inst: FQ64, F6W1, F6N1, F6G5, FW64, FQ63, F6W5, FL68, FV61, FX68, FW63, FV68, FX6V

GEOPHYSICS
Leicester: F640 (12)
London, UCL: F660 (16), F650 (16)
Newcastle: F650

GEOSCIENCE
Edinburgh: F630 (18)
Greenwich: F670
Leicester: F670 (12)
London, UCL: F630 (16)
Oxford, Brookes: GH42, CH12, FH82, HN27, FH12, GH52, GH92, HL21, FH92, HT29, HR22, HV21, GHM2, HN2N, GH12, HH26, HW23, FHH2, FH32, HK24, HM21, HP25, HN25
Reading: F141 (10)
Staffordshire: F920

HEALTH SCIENCE AND STUDIES
Bournemouth: B991
Cardiff Inst: H6B8 (10)
Central Lancs: B990 (12)
Coventry: L531
De Montfort: B991
Derby: B995
Greenwich: B900
Gwent Coll: B999
London, UCL: B986
Luton: Y400
North London: B990
Napier: L450
Manchester Metro: B991
Middlesex: Y400
QMC, Edinburgh: B990
Stockton: B991 (8)
Sunderland: B990 (12)

HISTORY OF SCIENCE
London, UCL: V500 (16)

HORTICULTURE
Central Lancs: D252
Greenwich: D250
Hertfordshire: D250, D258
London, Wye Coll: D2NC (12), D250 (12)
Reading: D250 (12)
Scottish Agricultural Coll: D250, D2N9
Strathclyde: D250 (8), D2N9 (8)

HUMAN BIOLOGY
Aston: C112 (16)
Hertfordshire: B1F5, F1F1, B1G5, *B1L1, B1H6, B1F9, B172, B1F6,* B1H7, B1G1, B1N2, B1V7, B1G4, F9B1, T2B1, F6B1, H7B1, N2B1, V7B1, G4B1, G1B1
London, King's Coll: B150 (22)

HUMAN SCIENCE
Bournemouth: CG86
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: V8L8
East London: C921
Norwich, City Coll: C980 (6)
Sussex: Y400 (20)
Stockton: B991 (8), Y400 (8)

IMMUNOLOGY
East London: C920
London, King's Coll: C920 (22), CC79 (22), CC69 (22)
London, UCL: C920 (18)
Nescot: C120
Strathclyde: CB92 (18), CC59 (18)

INFORMATION SCIENCE
North London: G560, Y100
Portsmouth: G599
Teesside: G520
UEA: GN54 (18)
Wales, Aberystwyth: G520 (16)

INSTRUMENTATION
Brunel: *F352, F355*
Coventry: B899
Glasgow Caledonian: F1G5, F310
Manchester Metro: GH16, FH36, GHC6, FH16, H680, HH67, FH26, HF63, HL63
Middlesex: Y400
Gwent Coll: H642

MARINE STUDIES
Liverpool John Moores: J600, N960
Plymouth: C170
Southampton Inst: N960
Wales, Bangor: F140 (8), C170 (16)

MATERIALS SCIENCE
Abertay Dundee: F110
Bath: J500 (14)
Coventry: F200, FF12, FG21, FF23
Hull: F166 (12)
Leeds: J500 (12)
Liverpool: F200 (12), J200 (12), J520 (8), FF12 (12), FF23 (12), FG21 (12)
London, Imperial: JF52 (12), JF5F (16), J525 (12)
London, UCL: F1F2 (20)
Loughborough: J5N1 (12)
Manchester Metro: F200, F208, FF23, CF12, FF12, GFC2, FG25, FL21, FT29, FH27, FF32, FH26, FL23
Sheffield: J200 (12), J500 (12)
Surrey: J521, J520, J525, J524
UMIST: J2B9 (10)

MATHEMATICS
Abertay Dundee: FG11, CG81, FG31
Aston: CG11 (24), FG11 (24), GG15 (24), GL14 (24), GM1C (24), GM11 (24), GR11 (24)
Anglia: G100
Bath: G100 (20)
Bolton: CG11, FG91, G100, GG15, GK14, GN11, GW19, LG61, GN14, GQ13, GV11, GV17, MG91, TG21
Bradford: G100, GG14, G1N1, G1V7
Brighton: Y100
Brunel: G100 (12), G103 (12), G104 (12), G1H1 (12), G1HC (12), G1HD (12)
Canterbury, Christ Church Coll: LG31, WG11, WG31, CG51, GY1C, GL13, GW11, GG15, GW13, GY11
Central Lancs: G100 (8), G101 (8), G140 (8)
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F6G1, G1F9, G1G5, G1N3, N3G1, G5GC
City: G100 (12), G1F3 (12), G1L1 (12)
Coventry: FG11, CF13, LG11, GL18, CG11, RG21, RG11, G101, G100, FG21, GG1M
De Montfort: G100, G150
Derby: Y600
Dundee: GN14 (12), G100 (12), GL11 (12), FG31 (12), G101 (10), GG51 (12)
Durham: G100 (20)
East London: GV91
Edinburgh: G100 (18)
Essex: G101 (4), G100 (80), GR11 (8), GW13 (8), G150 (8)
Exeter: G100 (16), G107 (16), G130 (16), GGD4 (16)
Glamorgan: G100, GG5M, YG31
Glasgow Caledonian: G1TX, G1T9
Greenwich: EG71
Heriot-Watt: G100 (14), G102 (12)
Hertfordshire: F5G1, N1G1, F1G1, GG15, *G5G1, L1G1,* H6G1, F9G1, T2G1, B1G1, G100, G1F5, G1N1, G1F1, G1G5, G1L1, G1H6, G1F9, G1T2, G1B1, G1N2, G1V7, G1F3, N2G1, F3G1, V7G1
Hull: GG15 (12), G100 (14), G120
Kent: G100 (14)
King Alfred's Coll: Y400 (8)
Kingston: FG31, GG15, GR11, GG14, G100, FG81
Leeds: H3G1 (18), G150 (12), G100 (14)
Leeds Metro: XG75
Leicester: G100 (16), G101 (20), G103 (20), G1F5 (16), G1FM (20)
Liverpool: G100 (12), G106 (12), G150 (12), G151 (12), G156 (12), G176 (12), G400 (12), G1F3 (12), G1N1 (12), G1XC (12), GG14 (12), GG15 (12), FG21 (12), F6G1 (12)
London, Goldsmiths: G140, G141, *G147, CG81, E2G1, G1GM*
London, Guildhall: Y400
London, King's Coll: GX11 (8), GN11 (18), FG31 (16), FG11 (18), G100 (18), G1V5 (18)
London, QMW: FG11 (8), FG31 (12), FG51 (12), G100 (8), G102 (14), G110 (12), G120 (12), G1FM (14), G1T2 (14), GF15 (12), GR18 (18), GRD8 (18)
London, RH: G100 (16), G1N1 (16), GF13 (16)
London, UCL: F1G1 (20), G107 (22), G1N1 (22), G100 (22), G1T2 (22), G1F3 (22), GF15 (22), GF13 (22)
Loughborough: C100 (16), GG15 (16), G1L1 (16), FG31 (16)
Manchester Metro: G110, G108, FG31, CG11, G140, FG11, GG15, GL11, GT19, GH17, FGH1, GJ14, GH16, GL13, FG31, FG3C, CG11, CG1C, EG71, EG7C, EG71C
Middlesex: G158, G150, G1NC, G1N1
North London: G100, G116, G150, Y100, 009G, CG5C
Napier: GN13, G140, GH11
Newcastle: G110 (16), G120 (16), G150 (12), G151 (10), G100 (16), NG41 (16), FG11 9(14), GL11 (16), FG31 (14)
Northumbria: G100, G108
Nottingham Trent: G1G5 (6), CG11 (4), FG11 (4), CG15 (4), FG31 (4), GG51 (4), E7G1,
Oxford, Brookes: GG14, CG11, FG81, GN17, FG11, GG15, GG19, GL11, FG91, GH12, GT19, GV11, GG1M, GG1N, GH16, GW13, FGH1, FG31, GK14, GM11, GP15, GN15
Paisley: GG15, G150
Plymouth: G100, G150
Portsmouth: FG11, G199, G198, G1X9, G150, G158, GG14, G900, G908, G100, G108, G1R2, G1R1, FG61
Reading: G152 (14), G100 (18), GG15 (18), GL11 (18), GF19 (18), GF13 (18), GG14 (16), G123 (18), G113 (18)
Salford: G100 (14), G101 (14), FG11 (10), GF13 (12), GF18 (14), CG91 (12), GL11 (12), GG15 (12)
Sheffield: G100 (18), NG11 (18), NG4D (18)
Sheffield Hallam: EG51, EY71
South Bank: GN11, GN14
St Mary's: FG11 (4), GQ18 (4), GW14 (12), GF18 (4), GL13 (4), GV18 (4)
Strathclyde: G100 (11), G150 (11), G1L1 (11), G1T9 (11)
Sunderland: FG11 (8)
Surrey: G101, G102, G105
Sussex: GG51 (10), GG15 (10), GL11 (10), *GF13 (10)*, G406 (10), G100 (10), G140 (10)
Teesside: G100
UEA: FG31 (12), G100 (12), G103 (14), G1L1 (12), G1V7 (12), G1N1 (12), G101 (12), G1F9 (12)
UMIST: G100, G1F5, G1R4, GN11, GRD1, GRD2
Wales, Aberystwyth: GG15 (14), GGC5 (14), GGD5 (14), G100 (14), G120 (14), GL11 (12), GN14 (14), G102 (4)
Wales, Bangor: G100 (10)
Wales, Cardiff: FG3C (12), G100 (12), G110 (12), G111 (12)
Westminster: G100
Worcester CHE: GG15 (4)
York: G100 (12), G1L1 (12), G1X3 (12), G101 (12), G1F3 (12), GF13 (12), G101 (12)

MATHEMATICS FOR BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT
Brighton: G100
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: G1N3, N3G1
Dundee: GL11 (12)
Essex: G4L1 (8), GN13 (16)
Glamorgan: G1T2, GN11
Hertfordshire: G1N1
London, King's Coll: GN11 (18)
London, QMW: G150 (8), G1N1 (8)
London, UCL: G1L1 (24), G1N1 (22)
Loughborough: G1L1 (16)
Manchester Metro: G140, GL11, FG3C, CG1C, CGC5, GLC1, GHCP, G7C2, GTC9, GFC2, FGHC, GJC4, GHC6, GLC3
North London: G710
Portsmouth: G199, G198
Salford: GL11
South Bank: GN14, GN11
Strathclyde: G1L1 (11)
Surrey: G1NC, G1N1

MATHEMATICS WITH COMPUTING
Abertay Dundee: GG51, G1G5
Brighton: G170
Brunel: G1G5 (12), G1GM (12), G1GN (12), GG5G (14)
Buckingham: G5G1
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: G1G5
Coventry: GG15, GG1M
City: G1G5 (12)
Dundee: GG15 (12)
Essex: GG15 (8)
Glamorgan: GG15
Greenwich: G5G1
Hull: GG15 (12)
Leicester: GG15 (16), GG1M (20)
London, Goldsmiths: G1G5, GG15, G1GM, GG1M, GG45
London, King's Coll: GG1N (18), GG15 (18)
London, QMW: GG51 (18), GG15 (18)
London, UCL: GG15 (24)
Loughborough: GG51 (16)
LSU: C1G1, G5G1, L8G1
Manchester Metro: GG15
Oxford, Brookes: GG49, FG89, GN97, FG19, GG59, GL91, GH92, GT99, GR92, GV91, GGN9, GNGN, GG19, GH96, GW93, FGH9, FG39, GK94, GM91, GP95, GN95
Paisley: GG15
Portsmouth: G900, G908
Reading: GG15 (18)
Salford: GG15
Sheffield Hallam: GN51, G5G1
Staffordshire: G900
Surrey: GG1M, GG15
Teesside: H109, G110, GG15
UEA: G1G5 (12), GG51 (12)
UMIST: GG15
Wales, Bangor: G1G6 (10)
Westminster: CG15

MATHEMATICS WITH STATISTICS
Anglia: G1G4
Brighton: Y100
Brunel: GG41 (12), GG4D (12), GG4C (12)
Cardiff Inst: C980 (10)
Coventry: GG14
City: G194 (12), G402 (18)
Edinburgh: GG14 (18)
Essex: GG14 (8)
Exeter: G434 (16)
Kingston: GG14
Heriot-Watt: G1G4 (20)
Hertfordshire: G1G4, G4G1
London, Goldsmiths: G1G4, GG14, GG41, G1GK
London, QMW: G1G4 (14), GG41 (12)
London, UCL: GG14 (22)
Newcastle: GG1L (14), GG1K (14), GG14 (14)
Reading: GG14 (16)
Surrey: GG1K, GG1L
UEA: G1G4 (12)
UMIST: G434

MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS AND MANAGEMENT
Brunel: N1G1 (16), N1GC (16), G1N1 (12), G1NC (12), G1ND (12), GN11 (12), GN1C (12), GN1D (12)

MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS AND COMPUTING
Coventry: G900
Derby: G900
East London: G900
Greenwich: G900
Liverpool, John Moores: G900
London, Goldsmiths: GG45
Ulster: G900 (16), G902 (12)
UWE: G900

MEDICAL AND LABORATORY SCIENCE
Anglia: B940, BR92
Bournemouth: BH96
Brunel: F120, F121, F122
Coventry: B899
East London: C620, C720
Hertfordshire: B800, B808
Huddersfield: F1B3
Hull: F370
Kingston: F199
Liverpool, John Moores: C999
London, King's: C720 (22), Y156 (22), F370 (14)
London, UCL: F370 (20), F391 (20)
Loughborough: F126 (14)
N E Wales Inst: F370
Northumbria: F1C9
Sheffield: F370 (14)
Surrey: F370
Sussex: F120
UMIST: J2B9 (10)
Wolverhampton: Y600, B920

METALLURGY
Greenwich: J125
Surrey: J201, J204, J200

METEOROLOGY
Reading: GF19 (18), FF39 (18)

MICROBIOLOGY
Dundee: C500 (12)
East London: C500, CQ53
Heriot-Watt: C500
Liverpool: C500 (18), C5J8 (18)
Liverpool John Moores: C510
London, Imperial: C500 (20), C1C5 (20)
London, King's: C500 (22), CC57 (22)
North London: C500, Y100
Napier: CJ58
NESCOT: C120
Reading: C500 (12)
Staffordshire: CC75
Strathclyde: C510 (18), CC59 (18), DC45 (18)
Sunderland: J800 (8)
Surrey: C505, C500, C502, CD54, C540
Westminster: CC75

MIDWIFERY
Greenwich: B710
Liverpool, John Moores: B750
Surrey: B710

MOLECULAR SCIENCES (BIOLOGY AND GENETICS)
Anglia: C621
Essex: C140 (8)
Huddersfield: C621
Hull: C140
Newcastle: C260 (18)
Leeds: C7C6 (16), J800 (16)
London, King's Coll: C620 (22), CC69 (22), C600 (22), C650 (22), C400 (22)
Portsmouth: C621, C628
Reading: C120 (12)
Surrey: C620
Sussex: C4J8 (12), F101
Wales, Cardiff: C7C6
York: C140 (16)

NATURAL SCIENCE
Bath: Y160 (14)
Brunel: Y160 (8)
Durham: Y160 (18)
Greenwich: FD82

NEUROSCIENCE
Sussex: B172 (16)

NURSING
City: B700
Glasgow: B700
Greenwich: B730, B720
Hertfordshire: B700
Leeds Metro: B701
Liverpool: B700 (16)
Surrey: B700

NUTRITION/ DIETICS
Cardiff Inst: D400 (10)
Cranfield, Silsoe: N5D4 (12):
Greenwich: B400
Humberside: D408, D450 (10), D401 (10), D4N1 (10), D400 (10), D421 (10), B400 (10)
Huddersfield: DB44
Leeds Metro: BD44
Newcastle: B4D4 (14)
North London: N700, Y100, B4C1, BC41
QMC, Edinburgh: D401, B985
Surrey: B400, B401, B405, BD44, CD54
Ulster: B400 (16)

OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENE AND HEALTH
Greenwich: B999
South Bank: B971,

OCEANOGRAPHY
Liverpool: F7F1 (10)
Middlesex: JN9C
Wales, Bangor: F700 (10), F646 (10)

OPERATIONAL RESEARCH
Hertfordshire: F5N2, N1N2, F1N2, H6N2, T2N2, F6N2, B1N2, H7N2, G1N2, N2F5, N2N1, N2F1, N2H6, N2T2, N2F6, N2B1, N2H7, N2G1, N2V7, N2F3, N2G4, F3N2, V7N2, F3N2, G4N2
Staffordshire: N112

ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS
Liverpool: B510 (16)
London, UCL: H340
Salford, UC: B984
Strathclyde: B984 (16)

PARASITOLOGY
East London: CQ53, CV51
London, Imperial: C340 (20)

PHARMACOLOGY
Coventry: F127
Dundee: FB12 (12)
East London: BC27, B200, BV21, BQ23
Greenwich: B399, B398
London, King's Coll: BC27 (22), BB12 (22)
London UCL: BB12 (18)
Loughborough: F126 (16)
Nescot: C120
Portsmouth: B290, B208
Strathclyde: C7B2 (18), CB92 (18)
Sunderland: B200 (8)

PHYSICAL SCIENCES
Greenwich: EY71
Hertfordshire: QTS
Nottingham Trent: E7Y1
Oxford, Brookes: CF13, FN37, FF13, FG35, FG39, FL31, FF39, FH32, FR32, FV31, FG3M, FN3N, FG31, FH36, FW33, FFH3, FK34, FM31, FP35
Paisley: H681
London, UCL: Y160 (15)

PHYSICS
Abertay Dundee: FF31, FG35
Aston: F314 (14)
Bath: F300 (10), F303 (12)
Brighton: Y100
Brunel: F300 (10), F302 (10), F355 (10), F352 (10), F3G5 (10), F3GM (10), F3GN (10)
Coventry: FF13, CF53, CF13, F310, F3N1, F380, FF23, FG34, FF23, LF83
De Montfort: F3N8
Dundee: FG31 (12), FV37 (16), F300 (6), FG35 (12), FH36 (6), FF3V (12), FF13 (12), F3R2 (8), FC38 (14), F301 (6)
Durham: F300 (12), F310 (12)
Edinburgh: F300 (16), F334 (16), F650 (18), F326 (16), F376 (16)
Essex: F300 (4), F301 (4), F366 (4), F3N1 (4), F310 (4), F320 (4)
Exeter: F300 (16), F370 (16), F348 (16), F320 (16), F323 (16), F301 (16), F321 (16), F303 (16), F371 (16), F325 (16)
Glasgow Caledonian: F310
Greenwich: F3G9
Heriot-Watt: F300 (14), F314
Hertfordshire: F5F3, F1F3, G5F3, L1F3, H6F3, F9F3, T2F3, F6F3, H7F3, G1F3, N2F3, Y7F3, F3F5, F3F1, F3G5, F3L1, F3H6, F3F9, F3T2, F3F6, F3H7, F3G1, F3N2, F3V7, F3G4, G4F3, QTS
Hull: F310 (12), F314 (12), F366 (12), F370, F354
Kent: F300 (8), F305 (4)
Kingston: FF31, FG35, FR31, F3H6, FG31, FF63
Leeds: F300 (10), F3F5 (10), F3H6 (16)
Liverpool: F300 (8), F301 (12), F303 (12), F306 (8), F326 (8), F334 (12), F340 (8), F352 (8), F3F9 (8), F656 (8), FF23 (8), FG31 (12), FG35 (12)
Liverpool, John Moores: E7F3, F303, F310, F318
London, Imperial: F300 (20), F303 (24), F325 (25)
London, King's Coll: FF35 (16), FF13 (14), FH36 (14), FV37 (16), F300 (14), F305 (14), F3F5 (14), F3G5 (14), F3R1 (14), F3N1 (14), F370 (14), F3V5 (14), F303 (14), FG31 (16)
London, QMW: F300 (8), F303 (12), F320 (8), F323 (12), F334 (8), F370 (12), F374 (8), F3G5 (8), F3H6 (8), F38P (12), F3N1 (8), FF13 (8), FF23 (8), FG31 (12), FG35 (16)
London, RH: F300 (14), F320 (14), F3F5 (14), F3N1 (14), GF13 (16)
London, UCL: F112 (20), F300 (20), F303 (20), F310 (20), F313 (20), F365 (20), F366 (20), F370 (20), F391 (20), F3N1 (20), F3T2 (20), GF14 (22), FF53 (20), FF5H (20), F112 (20), GF13 (22)
Loughborough: F300 (16), FG31 (16)
Manchester Metro: F310, F308, FG31, FG3C, FF13, FG35, FH3P, FT32, FT39, FH37, FF23, FJ34, FH36, FTH9, FHH7, FF32, FJH4, EF73, FGH1, FGHC, FF31, FGH5, FHHP, TF23, FFH7, FJH4, FH63
Napier: F345, 543F
Newcastle: F303 (14), F323 (16), F300 (10), F301 (8), F651 (8), F370 (10), F371 (8), F320 (16), F321 (10), FG35 (14), FG31 (14), FF13 (14)
N E Wales Inst: F303, F315, F370, F354
North London: F300, Y100
Northumbria: FH3P, FH38
Nottingham Trent: F310 (8), CF13 (4), FF13 (4), FG35 (4), FG31 (4), GF53 (4), FF39 (4)
Oxford, Brookes: CF1H, FN87, FF1H, FGH5, FGH9, FLH1, FFH9, FHH2, FRH2, FVH1, FGHM, FNHN, FGH1, FHH6, FWH3, FFH3, FKH4, FMH1, FPK5
Paisley: F300
Portsmouth: F300, F308, FF38, F3R2, F3R1, FG3L, F3X9, F303, FF36, FF13
Reading: F300, F304, F340, FF39, F369, F301, F303, GF13 (18)
Robert Gordon: F310
Salford: F353 (10), F375 (10), F376 (10), F300 (10), F303 (10), F373 (10), F371 (10), F305, F3RC (10), F3R1 (10), F3RF (10), F3R2 (10), F3T4 (10), F3TK (10), F367 (10), F368 (10), F354 (10), F355 (10), FF13 (10), GF53 (12), GF13 (12), FC37 (10)
Sheffield: F300 (14), F302 (14), F320 (14), F370 (14)
Sheffield Hallam: FN31, EF73, FF39, F398
Southampton: F300 (12), F303 (12), F35F (12), F3F1 (12), F3G5 (12), F340 (12), F368 (12), F3G1 (12), F3F7 (12), F3F9 (12)
Staffordshire: F310, FL38, F300, FG34, CF13, FN31, FJ33, FF13, FG35, FH36, FF39, FFG3
Strathclyde: F300 (8), F310 (8), F368 (8)
Surrey: F300, F303, F305, F3N1, F370, F388
Sussex: F324 (10), GF13 (10), F315, F300, FF35, F328, F123
UEA: F300 (10), F303 (12), F307 (14), *F308 (14)*, F310 (10), F340 (10), F320 (12), FG31 (12), FF31 (14)
UMIST: F300, F303, F353, F354, F356, F368, F369, F3F9, F3FY, F3H6, F3HP, F3HQ, F3R1, F3R2, F3RC, F3RF, F375, F376, F3RD, F3RG, GF13
Wales, Aberystwyth: F301, F300 (8), F303 (8), F363 (8), F364 (8), F3M1 (12), FN34 (18), F302 (4), F365 (8), F366 (8)
Wales, Bangor: FH36 (8)
Wales, Cardiff: FG3C (12)
Warwick: F300 (16), F303 (16), F310 (16), F3G5 (16), F3N1 (16)
York: F376 (12), G1F3 (12), GF13 (12), F375 (12), F377 (12), F371 (12), F373 (12), F303 (12), F3F5 (12), F308 (12), F309 (12), F330 (12), F3X3 (12), F320 (12), F321 (12), F322 (12), F323 (12)

PHYSICS FOR MANAGEMENT
Brighton: F3N1
Brunel: F3N1 (10), F3NC (10), F3ND (10)
London, King's Coll: F3N1 (14)
UEA: F3N1 (10)
Westminster: B100

PHYSIOLOGY
Dundee: B103 (12)
East London: B100, BC27, BQ23
Greenwich: BL17
London, King's Coll: BC17 (22), B100 (22), BB12 (22)
London, UCL: BB12 (18)
NESCOT: C120
Salford: CG91 (12)
Staffordshire: CC73
Sunderland: B110 (4), BB21 (8)
Wales, Cardiff: B100 (16), BC17 (14)
Westminster: B100
York: C122 (16)

PLANETARY/ SPACE SCIENCE
London, UCL: F654 (16), F365 (20), F366 (20)
Wales, Aberystwyth: F363 (8), F364 (8), F365 (8), F366 (8)

PLANT SCIENCE
Newcastle: C260 (6), C266 (8)
Liverpool: C200 (18)
London, Imperial: C200 (20)
London, Wye: C200 (12)
Reading: C254 (12)
SAC: D222

PODIATRY
Bradford: B983
Huddersfield: B983
London, UCL: B986
Matthew Boulton: B985
Salford, UC: B983

POLYMER SCIENCE
Coventry: F1JA, J440
Manchester Metro: GJ14, FJ34, GJC4, FJ14, JL41, HJP4, JT42, JT49, HJ74, FJH4, J440, J448
Leeds: *F174 (10)*
Loughborough: F170 (14)
North London: Y100, J440, 044J
Northumbria: F1FC

PSYCHOLOGY
Bournemouth: Y118
Brunel: G5LR (14)
Greenwich: BL17, L7G5, C8B1, C8L3, L7G4, L3L7
Huddersfield: GL57
London, Goldsmiths: C8G5, CG81, C800
Middlesex: C800, Y400
Ulster: C800 (18)
Warwick: XL37
Westminster: C800
Wolverhampton: C800

RADIOGRAPHY
Derby: B985
Hertfordshire: B999, B985
Kingston: B986 (8), B985 (8)
Leeds: B820 (12)
London, King's Coll: B800 (22)
Portsmouth: B800, B808, B828
QMC, Edinburgh: B985, D401
Sheffield Hallam: B989, B985
South Bank: B985South Bank: B700, B701, BL76
Suffolk Coll: B985, B999
Sussex: C800 (20)

REMOTE SENSING
Bath Coll: F644
Greenwich: GF58

SOIL SCIENCE
Newcastle: D960 (8)
Reading: F920 (12), FF98 (20), D962 (12)
York: C122 (16)

SPORTS SCIENCES/ STUDIES
Greenwich: X207
De Montfort, Bedford: Y100
King Alfred's Coll: Y400 (10)
Liverpool, John Moores: EX72
Luton: X850
North London: XC21, X851, XB24
Nottingham Trent: X851
South Bank: X851
West London Inst: QXV4, X8WC, X8GM, EX9V, QX3V, X8WM, LX8V, FX6V, VX1V, WX3V, VX8V, X860

STATISTICS
Bradford: GG14
City: G400
Coventry: FG14, FG34, LG14, GL48, GN42, RG14, RG24, GC41, GG45, GG14
East London: G440, G900, GG14, G440, GQ93
Greenwich: L7G4, G411, G4N1, G4G5, G4L5
Heriot-Watt: G400
Hertfordshire: NIG4, G5G4, L1G4, F9G4, F6G4, B1G4, H7G4, G1G4, N2G4, F3G4, G4N1, G4G5, G4L1, G4F9, G4F6, G4B1, G4H7, G4G1, G4N2, G4F3
Huddersfield: GG54
Hull: G430
Kingston: GG45, FG84, GG14
Liverpool: G400 (12)
Liverpool, John Moores: GG45
London, Guildhall: Y400
London, QMW: G400 (8)
London, UCL: G4T2 (20), Y624 (20), Y625 (20)
Middlesex: Y400
Newcastle: G400 (14), NG24 (16), GL41 (16), GG45 (14), FG14 (14)
North London: G411
Northumbria: G400, G408
Oxford, Brookes: CG14, GN47, GG45, GG49, GL41, FG94, GH42, GT49, GR42, GV41, GG4M, GN4N, GG14, GH46, GW43, GK44, GN41, GP45
Plymouth: G411, G4N1
Portsmouth: FG14, GG45, FG64, GG14
Reading: G401 (14), G400 (14), GG14 (16)
Sheffield Hallam: G411
Staffordshire: CG14, JG34, FG14, LG19, GH46, GL48, FG64, FG34
Strathclyde: G400 (11)
Sussex: G406 (10)
Teesside: GG54, GN42
UWE: G4G5, G4T9, G450
Wales, Aberystwyth: GG45 (14), G400 (14)
Wales, Cardiff: G420 (12), G421 (12)

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Hans Koschnick, the European Union administrator of Mostar, walking through the ruined city yesterday to assess priorities for reconstruction

Federal pact fails to hide Croat-Muslim friction

■ Despite some progress towards a federation, UN sources fear that Croats and Muslims are more likely to renew their conflict. Anthony Loyd writes from Zagreb

As senior Croatian and Bosnian leaders met in Zagreb to discuss the further implementation of the confederation deal linking their two states, a senior United Nations source expressed grave concern over its chance of success. "The honeymoon period is over," he said. "There is a great deal of friction between the two sides in Bosnia. I would only give it a 60-40 chance of working, and once the fighting starts in one place it will spread everywhere."

The source, involved at first hand in the negotiations, spoke after a week of continued unease in Bosnia-Herzegovina amid fears of renewed Croat-Muslim fighting and Sunday's attempt by Bosnian Croats to assassinate Hans Koschnick, the newly arrived European Union administrator of Mostar. The atmosphere is ominously similar to that in the months before the Croat-Muslim war. The year-long conflict was stopped in February after a Washington-backed peace deal "unified" the two communities in a Bosnian and Herzegovinan federation, consolidated by a confederation with Croatia itself.

Muslims and Croats agreed yesterday on measures to implement the six-month-old accord to create a federation. President Tudjman of Croatia called the agreement a "big step forward", and President Izetbegovic, head of the mainly-Muslim Bosnian government, said the two sides had decided to start setting up a joint army and joint canton and city districts, and to open roads. However, these protestations fail to dissuade many observers that the alliance has begun to founder on the nationalism that sparked the war. Many regard the situation as more dangerous to the UN's continued presence in Bosnia than the prospect of the arms embargo being lifted.

In central Bosnia, the relationship between the two sides at a military level is strangely relaxed considering the bitterness with which the war was fought. Bosnian troops can pass through Croatian areas without restriction to fight the Serbs elsewhere.

However, in Herzegovina the relationship remains fraught. Croat troops have not been used against the Serbs to any significant degree, a matter of increasing frustration to Muslim soldiers.

The UN source said there were extremists among both Croats and Muslims who, "for reasons of power and finance, are trying to retain their independence because the federation presents a threat to their power bases. They are in the top quarter of the leadership, and if they don't stop injecting artificial barriers to the situation then it is going to break down." The source added: "I tell them [the Muslims and Croats] that if they start to fight again then Unprofor [the UN Protection Force] will go. Then they can kill each other all they want and one of them will be completely wiped out. The Serbs will attack the survivor unchallenged, and then I can guarantee them one thing — that all of Bosnia will be Serbia."



Tudjman: deal to implement accord "a big step forward"

Sanctions on Serbia 'may end in weeks'

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

SANCTIONS against the rump Yugoslavia may be eased within weeks, it emerged yesterday, as an advance party of observers went to Serbia to check whether Belgrade is effectively sealing the border with the Bosnian Serbs.

Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, said "unjustified delay" in lifting the sanctions was creating problems between Moscow and Western members of the Contact Group of peace negotiators. Mr Kozyrev also said that America's proposed lifting of the arms embargo against Bosnia's Muslims would be catastrophic.

Russia's concern was voiced hours after the US Congress gave final approval to Washington's policy of trying to lift the embargo. The Senate voted 80-18 for a defence Bill containing a resolution to end the arms ban unless the Bosnian Serbs accept the current peace plan by October 15.

Lifting embargo risks hurting Bosnians most

BY LAWRENCE FREEDMAN

SHOULD the United Nations lift the arms embargo against the Bosnian Muslims? The blockade has always worked to the Serbs' advantage as a result of Belgrade's control over substantial stocks of equipment and ammunition.

Persisting with the embargo inhibited first Croatia's and then Bosnia's capacity for self-defence. Indeed, it put them at such a disadvantage that they became dependent on the international community to redress the balance.

The UN was able to provide humanitarian support for the Bosnia Muslims. It coerced the Serbian government into limiting its role in Bosnia, but has failed to coerce the Bosnian Serbs into relinquishing any of their territorial gains. As the international community has been unable to impose a just settlement in Bosnia, the argument continues, the Bosnian government should be given the means to do the job itself. This argument has been given eloquent expression by the Sarajevo leadership and found receptive ears in Washington.

For those who are anxious to do more for Bosnia, it has one great advantage: it manages to take the side of the aggrieved party in the dispute without taking any risks. If the Bosnians can fight for themselves, there is no need for Americans to feel guilty about not fighting for them.



Clinton: cost-free option

For Congress this has appeared as an almost cost-free option, with the only extra required being the provision of air strikes to shift the whole balance of power in the Bosnian war. The Administration also took a similar view in 1993 until its allies made it aware of the unpalatable consequences of such a step. America backed away but now, as alternative policies fail to produce results, is contemplating it once more.

In a month's time, unless there is some surprising diplomatic breakthrough, a resolution will be put to the UN Security Council. A month after that, if there is still no progress, President Clinton has threatened to lift the embargo unilaterally.

If he acts against a Russian veto, this will have far-reaching consequences both for US-Russian relations and American authority within the UN. Once Washington starts to pick and choose the resolutions it decides to implement then how can it complain if others do likewise?

London and Paris have explained that they will have little choice but to remove their troops. Moreover, because of the logistical complexities, they cannot wait too long to set this process in motion. They will leave long before new weapons arrive.

Few conflicts take predictable courses but the balance of risk suggests that in these circumstances Serb forces will move quickly against the Bosnian Muslim enclaves hitherto afforded some protection under the safe areas policy. The demands for humanitarian relief will grow as the means to provide it are precipitately reduced. Without ground troops to act as their guides, and in the face of deteriorating weather, air strikes could prove difficult to organise.

The peace between Bosnian Croatians and Muslims will also become threatened without the glue provided by the UN and European Union. Beyond that, one can imagine renewed pressures in Belgrade for President Milosevic to stop trying to appease the UN and instead throw the weight of Serbia behind its beleaguered cousins.

The Bosnian leadership may believe that lifting the arms embargo is the only route now left to a just peace. If this are wrong, it is their citizens who will suffer most. The Bosnian government must accept the responsiblity for whatever decision is taken in full knowledge of the consequences.

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New Zealanders join multinational force

FROM REUTER IN WELLINGTON

NEW Zealand troops left for Bosnia-Herzegovina yesterday on the country's biggest overseas military deployment since the Vietnam War.

Some 200 troops of an infantry company paraded at Auckland airport in front of Jim Bolger, the Prime Minister, before boarding a United Nations-chartered aircraft to join an advance party of 50 of their countrymen in Bosnia.

Not since 1965, when it sent troops to support America against Vietnamese communist forces, has New Zealand made a foreign military commitment on such a scale.

"Now, more than ever, political and economic security are interdependent and our broader national interests require us to make what contribution we, as a small country, can to supporting international peace and security," Mr Bolger said. The New Zealanders, serving alongside a British battalion in Vitez, central Bosnia, will join troops from more than 30 countries in peacekeeping and humanitarian relief duties.

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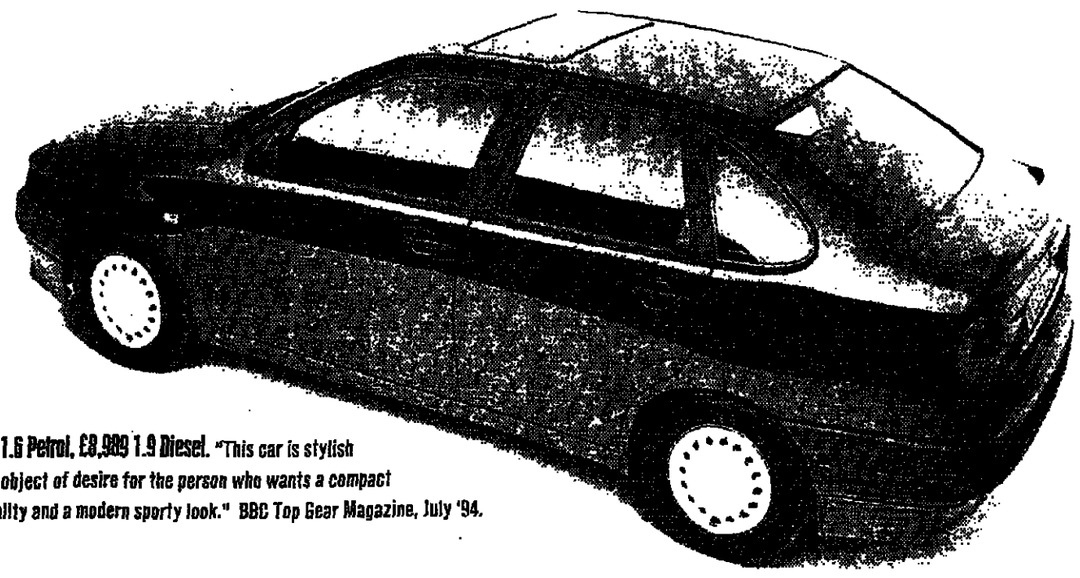
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Algerian militants welcome release of Islamic leaders

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

MOVES towards a negotiated end to the bloody Algerian conflict gathered pace yesterday as exiled militants gave a cautious welcome to the surprise decision of the military-backed government to release from jail the two leaders of the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front (FIS).

The government's attempt to start a dialogue to end the violence that has cost 10,000 lives since 1992 was made under pressure from politicians at home and Western governments increasingly anxious that the near civil war could spill over into Europe.

Western diplomats were trying to assess last night whether the release of Abbas Madani, 63, the FIS leader, and his deputy, the Muslim cleric Ali Belhadj, 39, from military prison to a loose form of house arrest was sufficient to permit the opening of direct talks towards a compromise.

Mihoub Mihoubi, a spokesman for Algeria's President Zeroual, the driving force behind the releases, claimed that the two militants were free to meet other members of the FIS, which he claimed was the only condition the FIS leaders had set for opening negotiations with the administration.

Asked if the two were now free to make contact with colleagues still underground and those in exile, Mr Mihoubi said: "I think that is obvious. It was in that framework that this goodwill measure was taken." Asked if they would eventually be freed completely to join a dialogue with the authorities, he added: "Everything is possible."

Commenting on Tuesday's releases, Djafar el-Houari, one of the Muslims recently expelled from France during a crackdown after the murder of five Frenchmen in Algeria said it was "a good start" but added the qualification that "much progress remained to be made". Western sources monitoring the violence, which has claimed the lives of 59 foreigners and caused economic chaos in Algeria, said a key question was whether the FIS would be able to impose any ceasefire order on the many fringe Islamic gangs which have sprung up since the fighting began.

Another question being asked was just how far the FIS leaders — who were originally jailed for 12 years in July, 1992 for attacks against state security — would attempt to push their new-found advantage at the negotiating table.

In addition to the release of the FIS leadership duo, three other top members of the banned group were set free as part of the latest government initiative. While saying it "rejoiced" at the leaders' release, the FIS in exile demanded lifting the house arrest order to allow Madani and Belhadj "to meet all officials of the Islamic Salvation Front representing the mujahidins and politicians inside and outside the country".

The FIS said in a statement that such meetings would help determine conditions for "a just, legitimate and durable solution that will permit the return of stability to our country and offer to the Algerian people the elements for the construction of a civilised state based on the principles of Islam".

"We are happy with the liberation of some of our leaders", said Rabah Kebir, leader of the FIS in exile, which is based in Germany. "We consider that a positive step, but not sufficient. There remain to be released all the members of FIS ... in order to bring together all the necessary conditions of a beginning of negotiations."

Recent statistics show the grave economic problems facing Algeria and the urgent need of reform if the social conditions which have bred the Islamic uprising are to be alleviated. The figures showed factories functioning at only 50 per cent capacity; 84 per cent of Algerians between the ages of 15 and 30 are without work; Algeria has the lowest farming yields in the Mediterranean; and between 1967 and 1990 only 102,000 jobs were created instead of the 234,000 that were needed.

The Algerian move was seen in Arab diplomatic circles as likely to increase pressure on other Arab governments facing Islamic terror campaigns, notably Egypt, to also consider responding with a compromise to permit the opening of dialogue.

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Paris: Alain Juppé, above, the French Foreign Minister, yesterday welcomed the transfer of the two Algerian Islamic opposition leaders from jail to house arrest as an important step towards ending violence in France's former North African territory. While urging caution, he said it was an important step, showing that dialogue between the Algerian authorities and Islamic Salvation Front was a reality. *(Reuter)*



An Orthodox Jew praying in Jerusalem yesterday on the eve of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, that his sins be transferred to a chicken



An Israeli soldier stopping a Palestinian from entering Jerusalem yesterday as the Yom Kippur holiday began

Poll shows most Israelis reject pullout from Golan

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

On the eve of the Yom Kippur fast, the Israeli crisis over potential peace with Syria deepened yesterday after publication of a poll showing that more than two-thirds of the population opposes a complete evacuation of the Golan Heights, occupied since 1967.

The poll, by the Dahaf organisation, found that 68 per cent were opposed to complete withdrawal in stages in exchange for full peace and appropriate security arrangements with Syria, which insists that such a pullout is an essential for peace.

The findings came as the centre-left government of Yitzhak Rabin faced mounting criticism over claims by leaders of the 13,000 Golan Jewish settlers that it had secretly pledged a pullout over three years as the price for a similar peace to that signed with Egypt in 1979.

Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the right-wing Likud opposition, told his Knesset faction that Israel had given the Syrians a detailed map containing a plan for withdrawal from all of the Golan and the stationing of a 1,000-strong US buffer force there.

Settler leaders conducting a hunger strike at Gamla, on the occupied plateau, added to the tension by refusing a request from Israel's Sephardic chief rabbi, Eliyahu Bakshi-Doron, to end their protest in exchange for his taking up their cause. The fast is being conducted in unseasonable temperatures of 40C (104F). The heatwave has led the Sephardic chief rabbi to grant Jews an unprecedented dispensation to drink water on Yom Kippur, the day of atonement, which began at sundown yesterday.

The protesters have vowed that they will continue their hunger strike until they receive a firm assurance from Mr Rabin that there will be an Israeli presence on the Golan in any settlement reached with Syria. President Assad of Syria has repeatedly ruled out any such condition as unacceptable.

☐ Tripoli, Lebanon: The top Sunni Muslim religious leader in north Lebanon, Mufti Sheikh Taha Sabonji, escaped an apparent assassination attempt when a gunman burst into his bedroom early yesterday and opened fire. No one was injured. *(AP)*

Hurd launches British trade offensive on Vietnam visit

FROM DAVID WATTS IN HANOI

DOUGLAS Hurd yesterday became the first British Foreign Secretary to visit Asia's newest "dragon": a transformed Vietnam. He arrived in Hanoi to take advantage of the country's opening to the West by pressing the merits of British business on the heirs of Ho Chi Minh.

Mr Hurd won quick success when the Hong Kong Shanghai Bank gained approval in principle for a full banking licence. This will allow a complete high-street service, with branches in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City (the former Saigon), and later Haiphong, letting the bank resume its prewar role in Vietnam.

The legacy of hardline communism lingers. Mr Hurd handed the Vietnamese a list of alleged political prisoners about whom London is concerned. He is also raising the repatriation of Vietnamese boat people from camps in Hong Kong, and renewed a clemency plea for Wong Chi Syhen, a Hong Kong man sentenced to death for heroin trafficking.

But Vietnam is changing fast. One British official said that British business was keen to sink roots in a communist economy pursuing economic reform "with Vietnamese characteristics", in a way different from China or Russia. Central Hanoi is now a mass of private shops and businesses, with modern Western hotels and neon-lit advertising.

Mr Hurd found himself locked in a battle to win for Britain contracts to remodel Hanoi's Noi Bai airport. John Laing have been seeking a multimillion-pound deal to build a new terminal. Japan has made a late bid to build a completely new airport, its cause aided by a visit from Tomiichi Murayama, its Prime Minister.

Mr Hurd made it clear he was ready to use British aid money to win this prestige project and secure a footing in what could become the most dynamic South-East Asian economy. But the expanded terminal might have a life of only six to seven years, if Vietnam decides to go ahead with a new airport.

There are other infrastructure projects in which Britain has the cutting edge. Balfour-Beatty is carrying out a feasibility study on refurbishment of the Hanoi-Haiphong Road. Mabey and Johnson, a British company specialising in building bridges in kit form, is enjoying some success with smaller bridges for provincial highways. British Gas, Inchcape and the Hong Kong Bank are hoping for contracts. GEC is looking for opportunities in telecommunications, and Rolls-Royce is holding talks with Vietnam Airlines, which says it will need 60 to 80 aircraft over the next ten years, worth between $3 billion (£2 billion) and $5 billion. At least $1 billion will got on the kind of plane Airbus produces.

Vietnam says it has pledges of foreign investment worth $10 billion in an economy which has grown 7.5 per cent in each of the last two years. Britain has invested more than $350 million, mainly in the oil and gas sector. British exports to Vietnam were £46 million in the first six months of this year, compared to £16.9 million for all of last year.

In another sign of Western rapprochement with Hanoi, Peter Tomsen, the US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, also arrived here yesterday to assess progress on the fate of US servicemen listed as missing in action (MIA). Mr Tomsen is to visit the central province of Quang Binh to monitor a joint search operation of a site where US pilots were said to have gone missing.

Tokyo attacks killings

Tokyo: Japan has formally protested to Russia about a fatal shooting near the disputed southern Kurile islands. Russian coastguards on Tuesday killed two crewmen on a Chinese fishing boat operating in an area that has been claimed by both Russia and Japan for almost 50 years. Kazuhiko Togo, a senior Japanese embassy official in Moscow, contacted Alexander Panov, the Deputy Foreign Minister, on Tuesday and asked for details of the incident. Mr Togo told Mr Panov that Japan found the incident "highly regrettable". He said it could not allow Russia to detain or shoot at any fishing boat, Japanese or foreign, in waters that were part of Japanese territory.

Tuesday's incident was the most serious in a growing fishing war around the disputed area. Russian coast guards reportedly first fired in the air, and then shot straight at the crewmen to make them stop when they ignored the initial warning shots and tried to flee. *(Reuter)*

Chinese prefer Marilyn

FROM REUTER IN PEKING

MARILYN Monroe is to become a Chinese marketing icon. The image of the American actress and sex symbol will soon appear on a range of products in the "socialist market economy" under a deal between China International Trust and Investment Corp (Citic) and the US-based Roger Richman Agency.

"Citic plans to promote the American star on perfume bottles, dolls, and garments and intends to offer companies the right to use the franchise," a Citic official said. No details were given on the amount of money involved in the agreement.



Monroe: perfume will use sex symbol's image

South Africa adds to arms market

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa has taken another important step towards consolidating its role as an international weapons supplier since the lifting of the United Nations arms embargo in June.

The centrepiece of the South African display at the Farnborough Airshow last week was the state-of-the-art Rooivalk helicopter, a contender for a contract with Britain's armed forces with 91 aircraft that could be worth more than a billion rands (£200 million). The Foreign Office says that buying the Rooivalk, which was developed for use in the war in Angola and Namibia, would show that Britain is playing a leading role in South Africa's international rehabilitation. The subject is likely to high on the agenda when John Major meets President Mandela in South Africa next week.

Joe Modise, the Defence Minister, has indicated that there could be a contract for Britain to supply the South African navy with corvettes and has threatened to take the order elsewhere if the helicopter deal falls through.

South Africa is likely to benefit from the publicity even if it does not win the Rooivalk contract. Johan Alberts, the chief executive of Armscor, the state arms agency, said it was "talking to everyone" interested in the Rooivalk. He would not name the potential purchasers but they are believed to include India, South Korea. The Netherlands and Kuwait. Up to 40 Rooivalks will be sold early next year and Armscor has signed other agreements that could generate four billion rands in this financial year. On Tuesday it was announced that a South African logistics management system had been bought for the Royal Air Force.

Tielman de Waal, Armscor's executive general manager, hopes to double South African arms exports this year, which would create 20,000 jobs. Mr Modise has said that the weapons industry should be developed further so that it can play a role in the African National Congress-led government's reconstruction and development programme.

During last month's budget debate, however, Joe Slovo, the Housing Minister, attacked proposals to spend 4.6 billion rands on "a couple of corvettes" when "millions of people are living in shacks, crowded rooms or on the streets of the cities". Mr Slovo said that the money could be used to provide housing subsidies to 368,000 families. Despite his and other protests, the hawks appear to have the upper hand over the doves in Pretoria.

Lesotho fêtes end of unrest

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

PEOPLE spilled into the streets of Maseru, capital of the mountain kingdom of Lesotho, yesterday to celebrate an agreement between King Letsie III and Ntsu Mokhehle, the Prime Minister he sacked four weeks ago.

The accord, brokered by a team of South African diplomats led by Leo "Rusty" Evans, the Foreign Ministry's senior civil servant, provided for the restoration of Mr Mokhehle, 76, and his Basotho Congress Party government and allowed for King Letsie, 34, to abdicate in favour of his father, King Moshoeshoe II. The unrest preceding the agreement led to threats of sanctions and South African military manoeuvres just across the border.

The successful ending of tension in Lesotho marks the first real foreign policy success for President Mandela's government, and is a victory for negotiations conducted by the leaders of South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana. A fortnight ago, the King and Mr Mokhehle were summoned to Pretoria to be told sharply by the three presidents to settle their differences and restore democracy. Officials from the three countries witnessed the signing of the agreement yesterday.

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Seeds of new peace sown in Crimea's valley of death

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN BALAKLAVA

SQUINTING into the blistering heat of a Crimean afternoon, it is difficult to equate the gently rolling hills and vineyards of Balaklava with Tennyson's description of a "valley of death".

Small rural hamlets, a single-track railway line, and a dusty road leading to Yalta lend a deceptively tranquil air to a place remembered for extremes of military heroism and incompetence.

Where Highland infantry halted a Russian cavalry charge with two volleys of rifle fire are found today some of the most precious Crimean champagne vines. Where William Howard Russell reported for *The Times* that "800 cavalry were engaged, of whom only 200 returned", the destruction of the Light Brigade, and the Russian guns they mistakenly charged, are chapters of history long forgotten by the farmers ploughing the same stretch of land.

So, too, is the political turmoil of 19th-century Europe, which prompted Britain, France, Italy and Turkey to send a huge expeditionary force to these arid shores. The war's cause was an argument between Roman Catholic and Orthodox priests over rights of access to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, then under the rule of the crumbling Ottoman empire which was being encroached on by the Tsar.

But yesterday, 140 years after the start of the Crimean War, the protagonists returned to the scene of battle to remember the dead with full military honours and pledge the makings of a new peaceful Europe. The Duke of Gloucester, representing Britain, said that, if the tens of thousands of men who perished were able to return today, they would be less astounded by the physical changes around them than the sight of the Allied representatives sitting down with former Russian foes.

Fittingly perhaps, one of the representatives at the ceremony was John Joliffe, a direct descendant of a survivor from the Charge of the Light Brigade, who today promotes British-Ukrainian ties. The event was spearheaded by the nearby city of Sevastopol in an attempt to shed its legacy of war.

Viktor Semyonov, the city's mayor, said he wanted to see children from around the world come here and play in the park, which today stands over the Malakhov Bastion, the Russian redoubt which became a killing ground for tens of thousands of Russians and Frenchmen in the year-long siege of the city.

However, even as the VIPs spoke of the need for reconciliation, the signs of a possible new conflict in Crimea were visible. It was impossible to ignore the fact that the wilting teenage sailors standing to attention in the sweltering heat represented two potentially rival forces as the dispute between Russia and Ukraine over the division of the former Soviet Black Sea Fleet seems no nearer resolution. And Leonid Smolyakov, the Russian ambassador to Kiev, pointedly referred to the Crimea as "Russian".



Lord Cardigan leading the fated charge of the Light Brigade in a detail from a 19th-century mezzotint

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Media take ringside seat for Haiti invasion as US troops slip out of Somalia

Defiant Clinton pulling rank on hostile Congress

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday faced the daunting prospect of having to order US troops into Haiti despite Congress having voted explicitly against an invasion.

Under growing pressure from Republicans and Democrats, Thomas Foley, the House Speaker, said he would probably permit a vote early next week which few congressmen believe Mr Clinton stands any chance of winning.

The President, like his predecessors, argues that as Commander-in-Chief he does not require congressional approval for military action, and is determined to order the invasion regardless of the vote. However, he would severely damage his relations with Congress and leave himself extraordinarily exposed if anything went wrong.

In an effort to rally public support, Mr Clinton will deliver a televised address tonight to the nation, spelling out America's interests in restoring democracy to Haiti. However, with 70 per cent of Americans opposed to an invasion he will have his work cut out.

Congressional opposition is even more pronounced, with perhaps 80 of the 100 senators and 300 of the 435 representatives arguing that no national interests are at stake and that restoring Jean-Bertrand Aristide, Haiti's ousted left-wing President, is not worth one American life.

Republicans are united in their opposition and most Democrats had "very, very profound concerns about the wisdom of invading Haiti", said Joseph Lieberman, a Democratic member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. For Mr Clinton to order the invasion without congressional support would be "wrong constitutionally and wrong politically", said Patricia Schroeder, a Democratic member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Bill Richardson, a Clinton Administration emissary to Haiti, said yesterday he had serious reservations about the invasion and called on the White House to slow the march toward military action.

Leon Panetta, the White House Chief of Staff, insisted the President was fulfilling his constitutional duty by "consulting" leading congressman, and said that Capitol Hill's dissent was undermining US efforts to persuade Haiti's military regime to leave peacefully.

"The worst thing right now is if the military dictatorship thinks that somehow this country is not going to come together to send a very clear message to them," he said.

President Bush sought and narrowly obtained congressional support for the Gulf War, but the invasions of Panama and Grenada were mounted at such short notice that the issue never arose. Mr Clinton is particularly vulnerable if he defies Congress, given his avoidance of military service in Vietnam.

In other developments yesterday the *USS Eisenhower*, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, set sail for Haiti from Norfolk, Virginia, with 2,000 troops and 50 helicopters on board, and US planes dropped thousands of leaflets over the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince, announcing Mr Aristide's imminent return. The Pentagon said the leaflets were first dropped from aircraft on Saturday night at the request of the Aristide government.

The leaflets contained a picture of Mr Aristide in a suit with his hands extended in a peaceful gesture and the following message in Creole: "The sun of democracy. The light of justice. The warmth of reconciliation. With the return of President Aristide." Defence officials said the message was a variation on the theme that has been broadcast into Haiti from US aircraft for weeks.

Stepping up the psychological pressure on Haiti's regime, a US warship sailed into the bay opposite Port-au-Prince and a military helicopter "buzzed" the coastline.

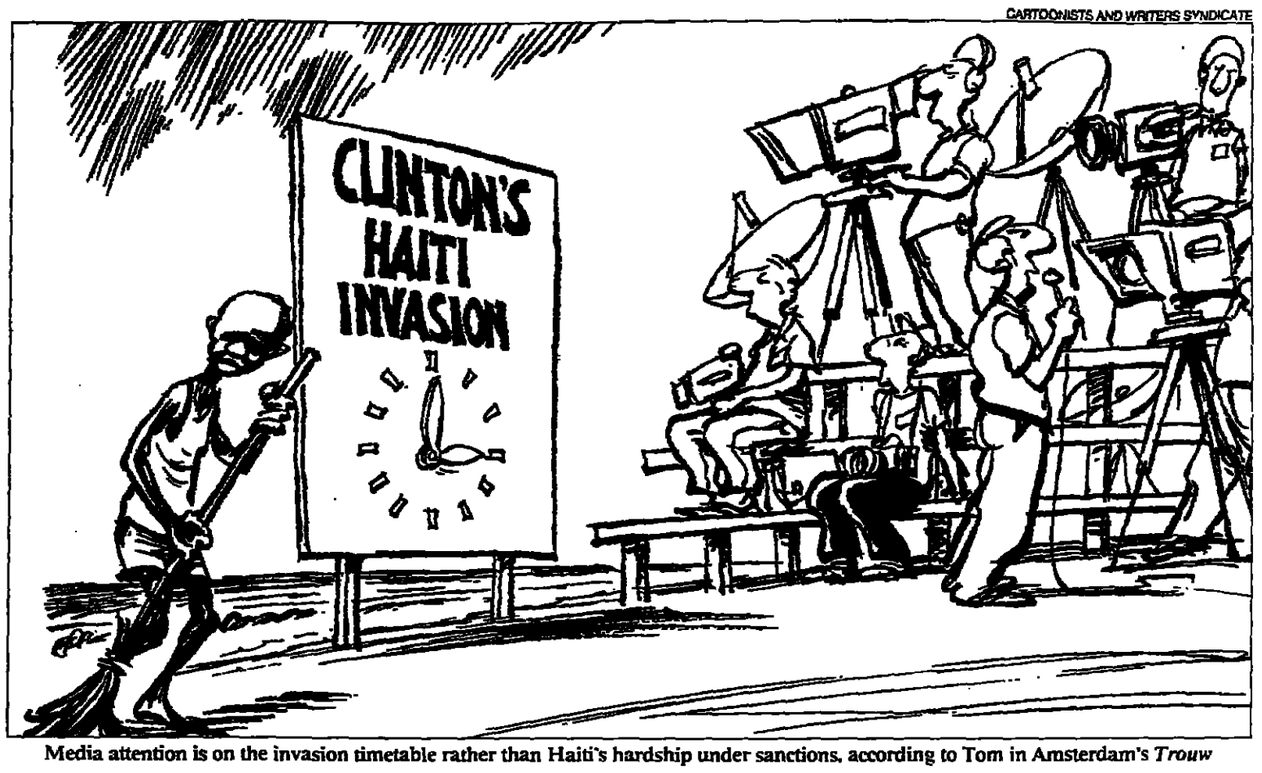
US officials said Mr Clinton's address tonight amounted to a "cocking of the gun" and would contain a tough ultimatum for Haiti's military leaders to leave. If they did not, he would order the invasion within three weeks at most and possibly as early as next week.

Strobe Talbott, the Deputy Secretary of State, said US troops would now enter Haiti come what may. They would either invade to remove the military regime's leaders, or to restore order following their voluntary departure. The latter would mean the effective "decapitation of the police and military structure there, which will raise the prospect of disorder and violence unless the international community goes in", he said.



Aristide: leaflets speak of his imminent return

Miami: Responding to growing frustration and resentment among nearly 30,000 Cuban boat people housed in makeshift camps at the American naval base at Guantánamo Bay in Cuba, US officials are stepping up a humanitarian effort to make conditions less uncomfortable (David Adams writes). With an invasion of Haiti looking daily more likely, Washington is anxious to avoid any embarrassing diversions from the military effort to restore Haitian democracy.



Media attention is on the invasion timetable rather than Haiti's hardship under sanctions, according to Tom in Amsterdam's *Trouw*

Pentagon goes public on Aristide's return

BY OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

AMERICA'S invasion of Grenada in 1983 was kept so secret that President Reagan did not even warn Margaret Thatcher, his closest ally.

In 1989, too, when American troops moved into Panama, top Bush Administration officials gave no inkling of what was going on as they chatted to journalists at the annual White House Christmas press party. Secrecy and surprise were always considered the essential elements of a successful invasion.

But not in the case of Haiti. Never has a Pentagon punch been so widely telegraphed. Journalists have been invited to watch troops in training. American newspapers are printing detailed charts and diagrams showing how and where the invasion will unfold, and the media are rushing to Port-au-Prince to secure grandstand seats.

The Pentagon instinctively recoils from such openness, which clearly increases the risk to US troops, but this time its motivation is obvious. By revealing in advance the formidable force it intends to deploy, it hopes to avoid having to fire even a single shot. As one Pentagon official said: "We will be trying to coerce the generals out of Haiti right up to 'D' day."

Already amassed off Haiti are 1,800 marines aboard the amphibious assault ships *Wasp* and *Nashville*, two destroyers, a guided-missile cruiser, two patrol boats, four frigates and two dock-landing ships. By early next week they will have been joined by the *USS America*, an aircraft carrier with special operations forces, elite Army Rangers and troops from the 82nd Airborne Division, and the *USS Eisenhower*, carrying troops and about 50 helicopters from the army's 10th Mountain Division. Other vessels, including 12 huge transport ships carrying tanks, vehicles and supplies, are also on their way.

The invasion will begin in darkness with an advance force of Rangers, Navy Seals, Green Beret teams and marines sweeping in by boat and helicopter to secure key points in both Port-au-Prince and Cap Haitien. Haiti's second city. These key points would include docks, airports, radio and television stations, the US Embassy, the US Ambassadors' residence, the presidential palace and the police and military headquarters. They would also move to protect American citizens and try to capture Haiti's military leaders.

By that afternoon US planners hope that enough troops would be on the ground in Haiti to prevent any bloody reprisals against the military regime's supporters. They hope the invasion could be completed within eight hours to two days and that President Aristide, Haiti's elected leader, would be able to return from his exile in Washington ten days after the invasion.

Americans leaving Mogadishu shun spotlight

FROM SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU

THE last remaining members of the American Embassy staff in Somalia are leaving, but without the glare of television lights in which they arrived.

So secret is their evacuation that burly armed men barred access to the embassy, and refused to comment on the fact that the representatives of Washington are leaving in small groups on unmarked aircraft, while the bulk of their equipment is being flown out on a Ukrainian cargo jet to Nairobi, leaving nothing but shredded files behind.

The Americans' feared that if they went out as they came in, in a blaze of publicity, Somali bandits would be over the walls before the last note of "The Last Post" had sounded.

The understated, even ignominious departure of the Americans, who led the multinational invasion of Somalia during Operation Restore Hope in December 1992, reflects a realisation by Washington and the United Nations that saving Somalia from itself may not be possible.

The operation and its successor, Continue Hope, were successes in their main aim of ending the 1992 famine which killed 350,000 Somalis. But the secondary aim of disarming the warlords and ending anarchy ended in disaster when 18 American soldiers were killed last October trying to capture General Muhammad Farrah Aidid. Last month Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, once again warned that time was running out for the UN mandate in Somalia. Militiamen loyal to General Aidid immediately took the opportunity to grab what they could and attacked a Zimbabwean UN company in Belet Huen, stripping them to their underwear and driving away in their armoured personnel carriers.

Dead pilot had traces of cocaine

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

THE man who died after crashing a plane into the South Lawn of the White House on Monday had spent the previous day drinking wine and beer and smoking crack, it emerged yesterday.

It was also revealed that Frank Corder's stolen plane was picked up on radar at National Airport as it entered the prohibited airspace around the White House at 2am, but nobody was watching the screens.

In a separate incident, a man was arrested in Texas and taken to a mental hospital after he tried to charter an plane to fly to Washington. Now that the White House's vulnerability has been exposed, security officials are terrified of copycat incidents.

A Secret Service spokesman said traces of cocaine and alcohol were found in Corder's blood. Friends said the 39-year-old lorry driver, whose marriage had recently broken up, had spent Sunday with them in a motel drinking, smoking crack and watching football on television before announcing that he was going to an airport to find an aircraft. They said they believed he wanted to die with notoriety, not harm President Clinton.

Ghetto electorate gives repentant sinner victory

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

MARION Barry, Washington's disgraced former Mayor, was yesterday celebrating a victory in the Democratic primary that all but ensures he will be back in charge of America's capital.

Just four years after the FBI "sting" that filmed him smoking crack with a former model and led to his imprisonment, Mr Barry, 58, crushed his two main Democratic rivals in Tuesday's primary with huge support from downtrodden blacks who consider him less sinner than fellow victim.

Mr Barry won with 47 per cent of the vote against 37 per cent for John Ray, another black city council member. Sharon Pratt Kelly, the Mayor who took office in 1991 promising to clear up the mess after 12 years of Barry misrule, took only 13 per cent.

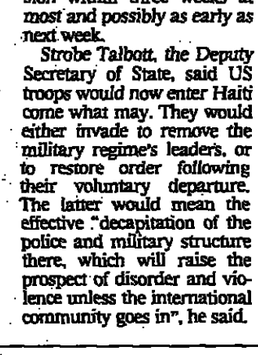
Victory was claimed by Mr Barry in a dramatic appearance before his jubilant supporters on the stroke of midnight. Surrounded by police guards, he spoke of how, with God's help, he had been raised from the valley to the mountaintop and cited the hymn: "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me."

This summer he had promised to save the city as he had saved himself, and registered a record 12,000 new voters. The Democratic primary winner has never failed to win November's general election in this overwhelmingly black, Democratic city, although Bill Lightfoot, a millionaire council member, immediately announced he would run against Mr Barry as an independent.

Mr Barry's win is an embarrassment for the national Democratic Party and President Clinton, and it is unlikely either will lend him support. It could also accelerate the flight of Washington's middle-class whites to the Virginia and Maryland suburbs. Mr Barry's detractors doubted his poor new constituency would turn out on the day, but he confounded them, sending out taxis and vans with loudspeakers offering people free lifts to polling stations.

In Minnesota, meanwhile, the religious Right was trounced in another closely watched primary. This summer Christian conservatives packed the state Republican Party's convention to deny Arne Carlson, the moderate Governor, the party's endorsement and instead backed Allen Quist, a farmer of such extreme views that when his pregnant wife died in a car crash he insisted on the foetus being displayed alongside her in the coffin. But on Tuesday, with a much wider electorate, Mr Carlson seized the Republican nomination with 67 per cent of the vote to Mr Quist's 33.

In Rhode Island, Patrick Kennedy easily won his Democratic congressional primary, making the 26-year-old the strong favourite to join his father, Senator Edward Kennedy, and his cousin, Representative Joseph Kennedy, on Capitol Hill next year.



Barry: on his way to Mayor's office again

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Kohl 'using EU to boost poll chance'

Bonn: Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, was attacked for his management of the European Union presidency and accused of staging costly meetings as part of his re-election campaign (Roger Boyes writes). Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Social Democrat European spokeswoman, said £4 million had been put aside for pointless informal Euro-sessions scheduled before October 16, election day, to boost Herr Kohl's chances.

Burundi clash

Bujumbura: Troops dominated by a Tutsi minority clashed with mainly Hutu gunmen for a second day running in Burundi's capital, prompting civilians to start evacuating the area. *(Reuter)*

Heroin haul

Budapest: Hungarian border guards seized 95 kilograms of heroin from a lorry with British number plates, headed for the United Kingdom, loaded with boxes of detergent in which the drug was concealed.

Suicide escape

Ankara: A woman captured placing bombs outside banks in western Turkey jumped to her death from a police station window. Banks are frequent targets of the left-wing Dev-Sol group. *(Reuter)*

Bones found

Colombo: Workers dug up a mass grave in southern Sri Lanka, finding human remains, possibly of victims of a military crackdown on left-wing rebels five years ago. *(Reuter)*

Jet loses nose

Zurich: A Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 flying from Rome to Zurich lost its nose with all the aircraft's radar equipment in a hailstorm but landed safely. Zurich's airport authority said. *(Reuter)*

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(Annual Interest)				
£100,000 or more	7.00	-	5.25	-
£50,000 - £99,999	6.85	-	5.14	-
£25,000 - £49,999	6.75	-	5.06	-
£10,000 - £24,999	6.40	-	4.80	-
£2,500 - £9,999	6.00	-	4.50	-
£1 - £2,499	0.60	-	0.45	-
POSTAL 7[4]				
(Monthly Interest)				
£100,000 or more	6.79	-	5.09	-
£50,000 - £99,999	6.64	-	4.98	-
£25,000 - £49,999	6.55	-	4.91	-
£10,000 - £24,999	6.22	-	4.67	-
£2,500 - £9,999	5.84	-	4.38	-
£1 - £2,499	0.60	-	0.45	-
POSTAL ACCOUNT[3]				
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(Annual Interest)				
£20,000 or more	6.50	-	4.88	-
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£2,000 - £9,999	5.70	-	4.28	-
£1 - £1,999	0.60	-	0.45	-
POSTAL ACCOUNT[3]				
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£10,000 - £19,999	5.84	-	4.38	-
£5,000 - £9,999	5.56	-	4.17	-
£1 - £4,999	0.60	-	0.45	-
POSTAL 30				
£50,000 or more	7.00	-	5.25	-
£25,000 - £49,999	6.80	-	5.10	-
£10,000 - £24,999	6.30	-	4.73	-
£2,500 - £9,999	5.90	-	4.43	-
£1 - £2,499	0.60	-	0.45	-
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£40,000 or more	4.79	4.90	3.59	3.65
£25,000 - £39,999	4.22	4.30	3.17	3.22
£10,000 - £24,999	3.49	3.55	2.62	2.65
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£2,000 - £9,999	5.70	-	4.28	-
£1 - £1,999	0.60	-	0.45	-

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£50,000 or more	5.51	5.65	4.13	4.21
£25,000 - £49,999	5.22	5.35	3.92	3.99
£10,000 - £24,999	4.36	4.45	3.27	3.32
£5,000 - £9,999	3.69	3.75	2.77	2.81
£1 - £4,999	0.60	0.60	0.45	0.45
MONEYSPINNER CLASSIC				
(Annual Interest)				
£40,000 or more	4.40	-	3.30	-
£25,000 - £39,999	3.85	-	2.89	-
£10,000 - £24,999	3.15	-	2.36	-
£500 - £9,999	2.15	-	1.61	-
£1 - £499	0.60	-	0.45	-
MONEYSPINNER CLASSIC				
(Monthly Interest)				
£40,000 or more	4.31	4.40	3.23	3.28
£25,000 - £39,999	3.78	3.85	2.84	2.88
£10,000 - £24,999	3.11	3.15	2.33	2.36
£5,000 - £9,999	2.13	2.15	1.60	1.61
£1 - £4,999	0.60	0.60	0.45	0.45
MONEYSPINNER 90				
£50,000 or more	3.80	-	2.85	-
£25,000 - £49,999	3.35	-	2.51	-
£10,000 - £24,999	2.65	-	1.99	-
£5,000 - £9,999	2.35	-	1.76	-
£1 - £4,999	0.85	-	0.64	-
MONEYSPINNER PLUS				
£20,000 or more	2.60	-	1.95	-
£10,000 - £19,999	2.15	-	1.61	-
£5,000 - £9,999	1.70	-	1.28	-
£500 - £4,999	1.25	-	0.94	-
£1 - £499	0.85	-	0.64	-
LEICESTER SHARE ACCOUNT				
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£1 - £499	0.60	-	0.45	-
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£1 - £9,999	0.60	-	0.45	-
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£1 - £9,999	0.60	-	0.45	-
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CIA agents break silence to help woman

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN NEW YORK

SIX former CIA agents have broken the agency's traditional code of silence to support a former colleague's claim that she is a victim of male chauvinism.

In *The New York Times* yesterday, the six identify the agent as Janine Brookner, and say that she was one of the most successful and responsible covert officers in the spy agency. Ms Brookner, who was the agency's first woman station chief in Latin America, was demoted to a Washington desk job after being accused of alcohol abuse and promiscuity.

"I'm surprised these allegations could gain any credibility or momentum," Glen Holden, the former American Ambassador to Jamaica, told the newspaper. Ms Brookner, 53, sued the agency in July, claiming that she had been punished for challenging a "pervasive atmosphere of machismo and sexual discrimination".

Documents in the case, filed under the pseudonym Jane Doe Thompson, were unsealed last week. Ms Brookner's name, career achievements and personal history were blacked out by the agency, but the substance of her claims were reported by news agencies.

Ms Brookner declined a request by *The New York Times* for an interview, but the facts of her case were detailed by her six current and former colleagues. She became the agency's station chief in Jamaica in 1989, they said. Her fortunes began to decline in 1991 after she was offered the top CIA job in Prague. When her would-be deputy balked at working for a woman, the agency withdrew the offer. Ms Brookner responded by filing an internal complaint.

Then, after she reported that her deputy station chief in Jamaica was beating his wife, he launched a counter-attack, accusing her of debauchery. To the surprise of many of her colleagues, the agency's inspector-general believed her deputy, and Ms Brookner's career was over.

Ben Macintyre *on the revenge of the disaffected*

Black America's new pariah messiah

Every election sends a signal, and the now almost certain re-election of Marion Barry, former Mayor of Washington DC and convicted drug user, sends an emphatic message to the city's white Establishment from the black ghetto. It is probably unprintable.

More than four years ago, Mr Barry was *captured on grainy videotape smoking crack* cocaine with a former model in a hotel bedroom. He was arrested, convicted and spent six months in prison. White Washington sniggered (discreetly, of course) and *ensured that the former three-term*, self-styled "mayor for life" could safely be consigned to the sad, thick file marked "fallen black men". There was more than a hint of racism and hypocrisy as Georgetown smugly observed the Mayor's humiliation.

This week, Mr Barry won the Washington DC Democratic mayoral primary by an impressive margin, virtually assuring that he will be elected in November, capping one of the most extraordinary political resurrections in American *politics and sending a thrill* of horror through those who so recently cheered his political demise.



New high: Marion Barry

This is precisely the effect *his black supporters intended*. Washington DC remains, as one commentator put it, "the most segregated city in the US", and no figure more accurately reflects the psychological chasm between the rich, largely white minority and the poor black majority.

In the eyes of the former, Mr Barry is an arrogant criminal opportunist. To the latter, he represents redemption, struggle and above all, naked defiance.

Mr Barry began his first mayoral campaign in 1978 by wooing the white Establishment. With his ebullient charm, he became the darling of Capitol Hill, making his current status as a symbol of oppression in the black underclass all the more striking.

Washington's black community has watched the ascent of this jailbird-turned-political phoenix with undisguised awe, while the candidate has suffused his own *rehabilitation with literally religious fervour*. "We will put the prodigal son back in office," blare his campaign loudspeakers. Mr Barry repeatedly refers to the "God force" that he claims helped him to recover from drug and *alcohol addiction*.

From Richard Nixon to Teddy Kennedy to Jimmy Swaggart, America's capacity for forgiveness has been demonstrated time and again. The world loves a sinner, and a *repentant sinner is well-nigh irresistible*. But it says much about America's cult of victimhood, and the enduring nature of celebrity which, once imprinted, can never be erased, that Mr Barry's campaign has largely avoided discussion of what he might do in office, let alone his dubious mayoral record. Instead, in a bizarre reversal of political logic, Mr Barry has campaigned not on his strengths, but on his weakness.

"I hurt and disappointed many people and I caused great embarrassment," he intones. "I've asked God's forgiveness and the people's forgiveness." Absolution, in Mr Barry's case, is a highly effective political tool. But while he claims to be instilling "the least, the last, the lost" with new hope, some observers argue the subliminal message to his constituents is a far more chilling one: you can dabble in crime and drugs and still get elected; you can get away with it.

Mr Barry's victory also says much about America's burgeoning, all-pervasive drug culture. In the nation's capital, where drugs are sold on almost any street corner, drug abuse is no longer just a grim and murderous habit of the underclass, but a plague reaching all the way to the city's once and probably future civic leader.

To have Mr Barry returned to power in triumph is "like telling young people *it's okay to shoot drugs for a while*", argues black radio show host Cathy Hughes.

The moral universe forged by talk show host Oprah Winfrey and her ilk is almost exclusively inhabited by such repentant sinners. America daily gorges itself on recovering child-abusers, errant spouses, men who love their mothers-in-law and so on. It is a simple and seductive format, in which the individual is the casualty, not the perpetrator of his or her wrongful actions. The more odious the crime, the more profound the celebrity and the greater the thrill from the spectacle of public repentance.

Mr Barry's renaissance illustrates not merely a racial but also a class division that lies at the heart of American society. To the Establishment Mr Barry remains a pariah. Barbara Bush, horrified to find herself sharing a platform with the mayoral candidate, refused to shake his hand.

But with each rejection by the great and good, Mr Barry's stature has grown among *the poor and angry who are his principal* constituents, while he wraps himself ever more snugly in the mantle of outraged victimhood.

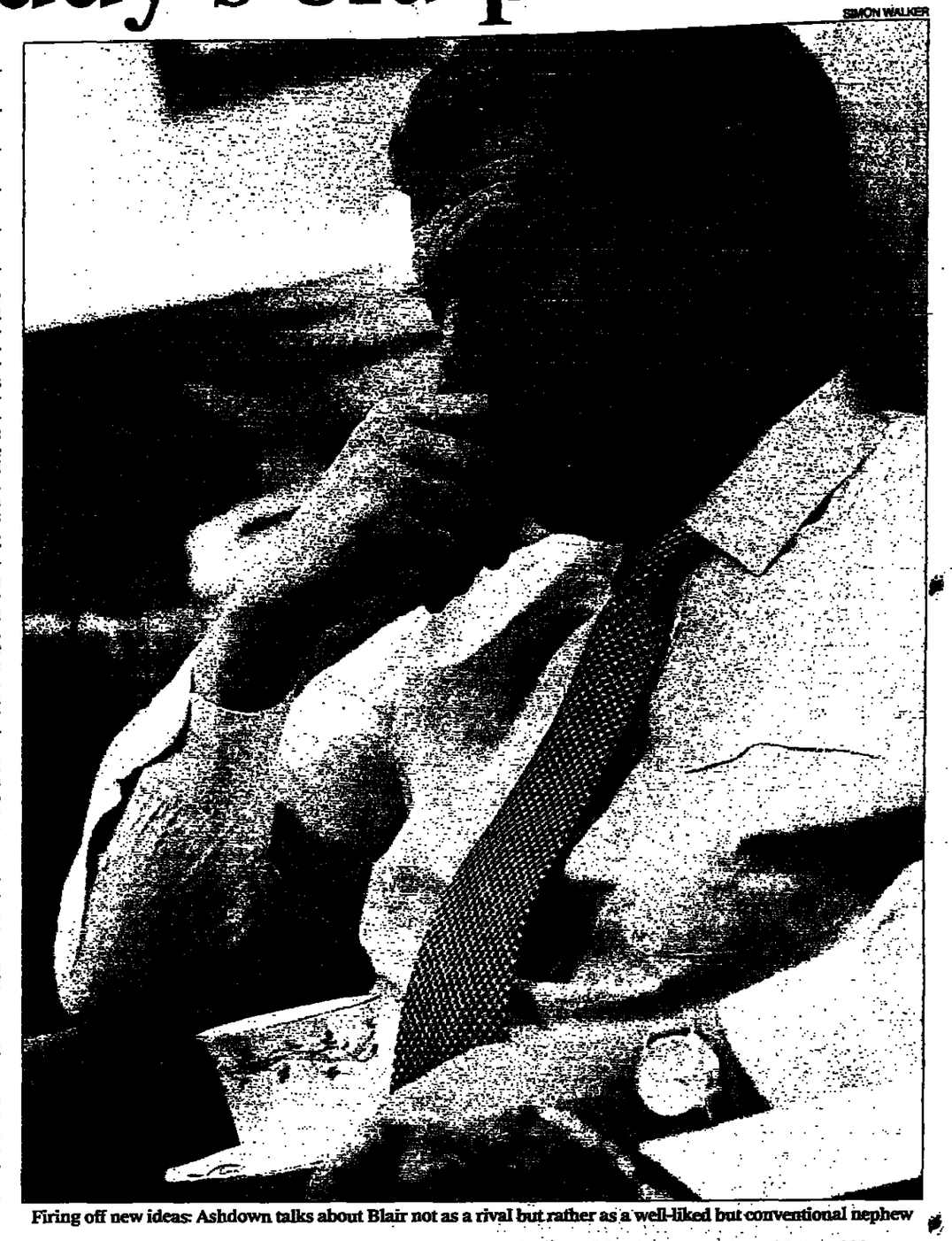
It is surely no coincidence that, as Mr *Barry reclaims his former office, another* great hero-sinner, Oliver North, weaves a similar spell on Virginia's voters. Both have fame — more powerful than talent or policies or honesty — and both speak to a public that *scents conspiracy at every turn*.

Mr Barry and Mr North, partners in notoriety, have set the traditional equation of politics on its head, and although the nation's rulers may deplore and sniff, the past is already wiped clean and the future is theirs.

Paddy's old pals act

Peter Riddell meets a man convinced that Tony Blair is wonderful news for Lib Dems

SIMON WALKER



Firing off new ideas: Ashdown talks about Blair not as a rival but rather as a well-liked but conventional nephew

"The arrival of Tony Blair is a very good thing indeed — very good for British politics and very good for the Liberal Democrats," says Paddy Ashdown, repeatedly and unequivocally. He believes that if Mr Blair makes Labour electable, and he stresses the if, that is good news for his own party. "A third party can't prosper with a political system like the walls of Jericho. It needs change, even though this means risks."

Yet the election of Mr Blair to the Labour leadership has made life more difficult for Mr Ashdown as the media, and quite a few Liberal Democrats, *question what the party's role* is. It is fortunate that the Liberal leader is so resilient. After sounding rather testy in July, Mr Ashdown is now good humoured, and reasonably relaxed. One of his strengths, developed during his days as an officer in the Royal Marines, is his ability to devise new plans for any contingency. He is now clear what his party should do.

Talking yesterday in his Commons office, Mr Ashdown sought both to offer a friendly hand to Mr Blair — "a man of exceptional ability" — and to stress his party's distinctive approach. He spoke ahead of the launch of *Making Change Our Ally*, his personal statement of goals, and on the eve of his party's conference in Brighton next week.

He wants the Liberal Democrats to be seen as three to five years ahead of Labour. He denies that the two parties are saying the same things. Labour, he says, would remove the independence of hospital trusts, would not "reconnect taxes with people" by making them more transparent, would not shift taxes from wealth and job creators to polluters and finite raw materials, and would not tackle priorities in the health service. The key questions for Labour in his view are whether it is committed to a free market, to a flexible economic policy and to having a clear view of Europe and particularly a single currency. He believes the answers so far are no.

Mr Ashdown talks about Mr Blair and Labour not as fierce rivals but rather as a daring, and self-consciously intellectually adventurous, uncle would describe a well-liked but conventional nephew. He presents the Liberal Democrats as guarantors of change in areas such as the constitution, as well as the people who can make safe changes to fiscal and economic policy.

> 'Our ideas are three to five years ahead of Tony Blair's'

Does this mean that the Liberal Democrats should abandon their traditional policy of equi-distance between the Conservatives and Labour? That is the clearly the view of the leading former Labour ministers and SDP founders who are now Liberal Democrat peers, such as Roy Jenkins, Shirley Williams and Bill Rodgers. Mr Ashdown is still wary. As befits a military officer with a clear plan, he says that now is not the time for such questions.

No one knows how politics will develop; it would be foolish to predict events — watch this space and so on. He talks about his new pamphlet setting the agenda for the next non-Conservative Government, but then adds that what he means is not a monopolistically Conservative Government. He talks of a non-monopolistically Conservative Government, representing other Conservative views.

This neither sounds nor is convincing. It is hard to envisage the Liberal Democrats supporting a minority Tory Government. Mr Ashdown does not seem to believe THAt the time is right for a move away from equidistance. The party is not ready yet.

The challenge in the pamphlet is not just to Labour. In some respects he is five years ahead of his own party, as he laughingly acknowledges. He can fire off ideas in all directions: on parents being formally responsible for their children and the occupants of council housing giving undertakings about their behaviour before they move in. His ideas on the community and citizen responsibilities are, he points out, similar to those of Tories like David Willetts, now silenced as a junior whip.

Unlike many Liberal Democrat activists, Mr Ashdown is not persuaded that local authorities are the answer to all problems. He believes some of the Government's reforms of public services have been in the right direction in strengthening local responsibility and control. The answer does not always lie in "the monopolistic structure of local government". Schools should live within the strategic framework of local councils but they should be more accountable to parents and local communities. The same applies to hospitals.

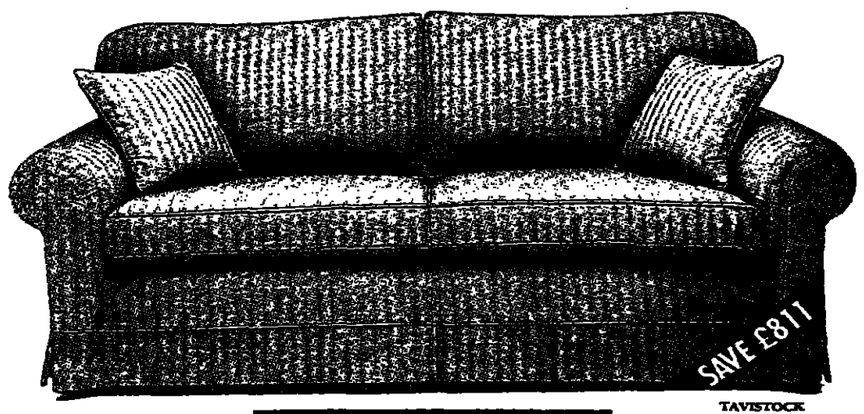
He will also raise eyebrows among the many teachers in his party by suggesting partnerships between the private and public sectors in education, with the cross-utilisation of resources.

Mr Ashdown is also acutely aware of the row during the holidays about his party's tax proposals. He has modified some of his earlier enthusiasm for hypothecation, stressing the need for transparency and explanation but now being distinctly cautious about the earmarking of specific taxes — "a useful idea which cannot be taken very far".

He also recognises the pitfalls in the recent tax and social benefit paper which produced headlines about the Liberal Democrats becoming a high tax party. He believes these charges are totally unjustified. But he hints that a 50 per cent top marginal tax rate for incomes of above £100,000 might be better than the 60 per cent top rate suggested in the paper. The party, he says, must be aware of the rate of tax on middle incomes and, like Labour's Gordon Brown, he talks about fair taxation. The Liberal Democrats should be "very, very responsible fiscally". There will be an "envelope for public spending" and the party must fix its commitments within this, a "menu with prices".

Mr Ashdown is forever restless, wanting to be at the leading edge of politics. That does not always make him an easy colleague. He is often *more comfortable with the* party's rank-and-file. He acknowledges that it is time for a more collegiate approach with his fellow MPs — so that by the next election it will "not just be Paddy Ashdown but a team capable of holding responsibility". But Mr Ashdown leaves no one in any doubt that he wants to be leading from the front.

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Giles Coren looks at the student past of some pillars of the Establishment

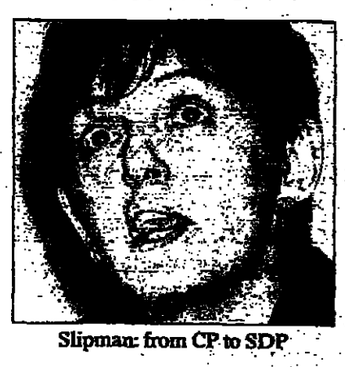
Rebels who forgot the cause

THE cattiness and petty infighting of student politics, until now confined to indulgent campus debating chambers, is in danger of spilling over into the world of grown-ups. The controversy over a *Panorama* documentary, "Babies on Benefit", which was rebuked by the Broadcasting Complaints Commission, and is to be defended by the BBC at an unprecedented judicial review, has set at loggerheads two people who share a common skeleton in their post-adolescent cupboards.

Sue Slipman is the director of the National Council for One Parent Families, which made the initial complaint about the documentary; David Aaronovitch is the BBC managing editor of weekly programmes, and has openly criticised Miss Slipman's organisation claiming "it will tell us what it wants us to believe". These two pillars of the Establishment both served, in their time, as president of the radical left-wing National Union of Students. Both, furthermore, were card-carrying members of the Communist Party.

While president of the union, Aaronovitch, who owned two cats named October and Revolution, urged students to get ready to take over university departments if they were threatened with closure by government cuts. When he moved from ITV to the BBC in 1987 he was being described as a "Kinnock supporter". Now he appears to have become a full-blown back-to-basics bulldog.

It seems that Aaronovitch and Slipman — who defected to the SDP — are not alone in having moderated their ideological outlook. Jack Straw's election as president in 1969 was seen as a breakthrough for the militant Left in student politics — now he is spokesman for the centrist Tony Blair. John Randall, who once described himself as a "revolutionary socialist", is now a Law Society director. And the most recent ex-incumbent, Lorna Fitzsimons, is a consultant for a subsidiary of Saatchi and Saatchi.



Slipman: from CP to SDP

Trevor Phillips, who called the Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir David McNee "a jackass" during his incumbency in 1978, is now head of current affairs at LWT as well as presenter of *The London Programme*.

More surprising still, Alastair Stewart, presenter of Carlton's *London Tonight* and the very picture of moderation, was deputy-president of the union from 1974-76. "The discovery of marriage and mortgages tends to speed the move to pragmatism at the expense of idealism," he says.

MR STEWART also remembers the presidency of David Aaronovitch. "I was invited to a student debate as an ex-deputy who had just started in television, and Aaronovitch was still a communist. The debate was something like 'This house regrets going to public school'. They had plenty of regretters, so I agreed to argue the other side, in favour of public school. I won the debate, and afterwards Aaronovitch came up and called me a turncoat — and I told him he had completely missed the point of debating. It isn't about what you believe."

Early in his career Mr Stewart had to convince his bosses, *including Southern* ITV's managing director Frank Copplestone, the last Conservative NUS president, that there would be no partisanship. He says now: "As Denis Healey put it, if you can't be a communist or a fellow traveller when you are a kid, you are missing something in life. I still believe that society should be run fairly and equally. I just didn't realise then how expensive it would be."

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American advances in dealing with prostate cancer . . . treatment for runny noses . . . pre-menopausal symptoms

Advice for Mitterrand



PRESIDENT Mitterrand's interview on French television clearly demonstrated his patriotism, and his determination to continue as President. Would he now be looking fitter, less thin, and would his voice have been stronger if at some time in the past he had sought help for his prostatic cancer in America, probably at the University of Washington in Seattle?

Treatment of diseases of the prostate is described in a new book, *Shared Care for Prostatic Diseases*, written by the Kirby and Fitzpatrick brothers. Roger Kirby and John Fitzpatrick are consultant surgeons; Michael Kirby and Andrew Fitzpatrick GPs. They write that curative treatment for cancer of the prostate includes radical surgery and radiotherapy; locally advanced disease may also need hormonal treatment followed by radiotherapy.

Advanced cases, those which have already spread to other parts of the body, are treated either by chemical or surgical measures designed to deprive the tumours of the testosterone they need to grow.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Cancer specialists working at the University of Washington, Seattle, have recently also been evaluating the place for fast neutron radiotherapy in locally advanced prostatic cancer. If the malignant prostate is caught at the stage when there is local spread only, in their view neutron radiotherapy offers a better chance of long-term survival than the standard photon radiotherapy.

Although neutron radiotherapy is more efficient, it has a bad name in Britain because of the serious side-effects it can produce, sometimes years after the therapy.

Doctor Thomas Griffin of Seattle has demonstrated that if the new types of machine which can deliver neutron radiotherapy are used, the side-effect is reduced from more than 40 per cent to 10 per cent, a figure comparable with traditional photon eradiation. The failure rate with the neutron therapy at Seattle was 11 per cent, which compares favourably with the 32 per cent failure rate achieved with photon therapy.

Greater local control of the tumour is also associated with fewer secondary tumours. The Seattle team achieved this remarkable reduction in side-effects by using multileaf collimators which aim the radiation very precisely at the tumour, so minimising damage to healthy tissue, the destruction of which has previously caused trouble.

The patient's age, and having close relatives with the disease, are important risk factors in developing cancer of the prostate. M Mitterrand's case demonstrates several possible risk factors: he has lived a sophisticated life in the Western world (prostate cancer is more common in the West: he's older, (it becomes progressively more common in advancing years); he is reputed to have loved women and good food (the risk is to some extent proportional to a number of sexual partners, and to the age at which sexual intercourse was first experienced. Too much good rich fatty food is also reputed to be significant.)

Prostatic cancer is the second most lethal tumour to attack men. They should report problems with urination to their GP, so that he or she may carry out a blood test (PSA) and treat the disease before it has become locally advanced.

Cold relief



GALES and rain are forecast for this week and not until the weekend is there a chance of fine weather. The miserable weather has resulted in an unseasonable outbreak of coughs and colds; bad news for everybody other than the hard-pressed pharmaceutical company, Fisons. Recent research at Gothenburg University suggests that the symptoms of a cold can be reduced in severity, and the attack shortened, if patients are treated with Intal, sodium cromoglycate, an anti-asthmatic drug manufactured by Fisons. Intal has been around for many years. It was the first of the modern, improved means of treating asthma, and is relatively free of side-effects: it is usually taken by means of an inhaler, two puffs four times a day.

In a small trial in Sweden, involving only 113 snivelling patients, it was shown that their tiresome symptoms such as husky voice and cough were particularly efficiently treated by Intal, which also tended to reduce the time the average patient suffered from runny nose and sore throat by three days. Intal is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent.

Age of women



MANY women have noticed that the symptoms of middle age are worse just before their periods stop than just after. Once they have ceased to menstruate, the strict definition of the menopause, life is already improving both for the patient and also, indirectly, for those who live and work with her. Unfortunately, the time when a woman often needs most support, it is not offered to her because she is told that she is not yet menopausal.

A multi-centre survey of menopausal symptoms published in the *British Journal of Clinical Practice* shows that hot flushes are the most frequent and characteristic symptom of the actual menopause; cold sweats, another indication of circulatory changes, are also related to the actual cessation of periods, as is the sensation of suffocation; it is a common experience of menopausal women that they need to rush to an open window for a gasp of fresh air. Mood changes such as poor concentration, irritability, excitability and depression are the symptoms most usually thought of as being menopausal, and which prompt the rather dismissive comment: "It's just her time of life."

In terms of accuracy the research workers may be right, but the knowledge that these symptoms will diminish once the menopause has occurred is scant consolation, for they need treatment in the same way as premenstrual symptoms whenever they are experienced.

A better lip service for babies

Ultrasound can show a cleft lip or palate in an embryo — but what happens next? **Aileen Ballantyne** reports

ALAN WELLER



Sam Howlett with his parents, Trish and Peter: like most cleft lip babies in Britain, he went home after his birth and was operated on at three months

For most couples expecting a baby the ultrasound scan, with its traditionally reassuring image of a thumb-sucking embryo, is a happy occasion.

But increasingly, as such scans become more sophisticated, they can also bring disturbing and confusing news. For about one couple in every 600, the scan that is usually done at around 18 weeks into the pregnancy will pick up evidence that the child will almost certainly be born with a cleft lip or palate — one of the commonest of all congenital abnormalities.

No one knows exactly what causes the condition, which occurs when the embryo is only about six to eight weeks old. "The most amazing thing, perhaps, given the complexity of the face-forming process, is that it goes right most of the time," says John Boorman, consultant plastic surgeon at the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead.

Although some cases are inherited, many more are not. The problem may be caused by something highly specific which occurs to the embryo in the womb. In about half of all cases of cleft lip or palate in identical twins, who share the same genetic make-up, one twin is born with the condition, while the other remains unaffected.

For some children a cleft lip or palate can be a very minor problem, leaving little more than a tiny, barely noticeable scar once the defect is repaired, using modern plastic surgery techniques. For others, it may bring lasting speech or hearing problems, and may also be linked to more severe associated conditions including breathing or heart problems. Whatever the extent of the problem — which may not be fully clear until the child is born — there is one thing all such parents share: a feeling that, in a matter of seconds, all their hopes about their perfect unborn child have been shattered.

For many there may be no obvious place to turn for information. As a result, experts in foetal medicine and plastic surgery are now attempting to persuade NHS trusts to buy "packages of care" which include not only antenatal screening for such conditions, but referral to multi-disciplinary cleft lip and palate teams for parents before the baby is even born.

Professor Kypros Nicolaides, Professor of Foetal Medicine at King's College Hospital, London, stressed that at present, sometimes the only information available to parents who had such an abnormality picked up by a scan at their local hospital came from their obstetrician. "Inevitably that information is coloured by the obstetrician's personal attitude," he says.



Sam at nine weeks with the disfiguring cleft lip and palate

Peter and Trish Howlett, both psychiatric nurses, from Grays in Essex, believe they were unusually fortunate to be referred immediately to a multi-disciplinary cleft team including surgeons, orthodontists and speech therapists within four days of being told their unborn child had a cleft lip.

"We didn't find it that difficult to get information because of our jobs, and we contacted the Cleft Lip and Palate Association (CLAPA), who in turn put us in touch with the cleft team at St Andrew's Hospital at Billericay, in Essex," Mr Howlett says. "The main problem is that that kind of immediate referral is not always done."

He emphasises that for them, knowing in advance brought advantages as they had time to adjust and tell friends and relatives before the birth. "Sam's birth was the event it should have been, rather than a shock."

Like most cleft lip babies in Britain, Sam was operated on at three months. However, there is no agreement on which is the better time for surgery — at a few days, before the parents take the baby home, or at around three months. Some larger hospitals with their own paediatric intensive care units prefer to do the operation within the first few days, to allow the parents to go home with a baby with a small surgical scar rather than a very obvious facial deformity, although there is no firm evidence from research studies that, psychologically or physically, one method is better than the other. Mr Howlett says he and his wife had few problems in the first few months, although his own parents found Sam's appearance upsetting.

Sally Davies, from Charlwood, Surrey, has no doubts. Her first baby, Charles, now aged four, was operated on at Roehampton Hospital in southwest London for a bilateral cleft lip and palate 15 hours after his birth, and she is sure that this is a far better option for the parents. "He looked strikingly different immediately after the operation. They gave me a baby I could take home and show to people."

Anthony Rowsell, consultant plastic surgeon at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital Trust, London, where surgery is now carried out in the first few days if the parents wish, says that most parents choose this early option when it is offered.

He says that in the last five years, since strong emphasis has been placed on surgery being carried out by surgeons who specialise in cleft repairs, results have improved enormously. Previously, he says, some children underwent 20 or more operations and the results were often still highly unsatisfactory. Now cleft treatment is concentrated in small numbers of multi-disciplinary units, and the aim is to get it right first time.

In some hospitals, however, cleft lips are still being repaired by surgeons who only do small numbers of such operations, which is a cause for concern. "A single surgeon operating in isolation is arguably not the best method of treating the condition in a modern National Health Service," he says.

As often happens with advancing technology, some of the treatment available, in terms of both counselling and surgical management, often lags behind what is known to be best in research terms. In the absence of all such cases being referred to centres with a full range of expertise, many surgeons would suggest that the parents' best option, in the first instance, would be to contact CLAPA, the Newcastle-based self-help group run by Cy Thirlaway, whose own daughter was born with a cleft palate. Freyja, now aged 16, is county sports champion for the long jump.

"Freyja is an attractive sporty child, and I've enjoyed her achievements all the more because of the initial difficulties she had with her speech," Mrs Thirlaway says. "But when a parent first receives news like this, they often have some very raw feelings. Pregnancy is a time of dreams, and you don't want your child to be imperfect in any way. I know how isolated I felt 16 years ago. I wouldn't want anyone else to go through that on their own."

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Janet Daley



■ The BBC has every right to broadcast the views of single parents, *even if Sue Slipman disagrees*

The BBC is rightly demanding a judicial review of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission's censure of *Panorama*. This outrageous incident does not just involve editorial interference by an amateurish quango in current affairs broadcasting. It is about pressure groups who seek to manipulate public discourse by making use of procedures which were intended to protect private individuals. The *Panorama* in question dealt with single parent families.

John Redwood, the Secretary of State for Wales, had drawn attention to a council estate which, he said, had a large proportion of single mothers who had never married and had no wish to do so. They had chosen a lifestyle of rearing children entirely on benefit, with no fathers on the scene.

All hell broke loose over his remarks. The most vociferous attacks came from the National Council for One Parent Families (NCOPF), whose director, Sue Slipman, became a ubiquitous television presence. Any statements she has since made about the BBC's treatment of single parents should be seen in the context of the extraordinary amount of airtime she has been given to present her own views — often without challenge or opposition. A number of different points were often confounded in Ms Slipman's speeches, which she was almost never required to disentangle.

> This is editorial interference by quango amateurs

On the one hand, it was claimed that there were no never-married mothers who deliberately chose to have children (and stay single) in order to take advantage of extra benefits — the existence of such people was a right-wing myth. On the other hand, owing to mass male unemployment, working class women are within their rights in opting to raise children unencumbered by the socially and economically useless males who are all that are available to them.

Panorama entered the scene at this point. They went to the estate which Mr Redwood had cited. *Panorama's* editor, Glenwyn Benson, has said that what they found was a considerable number of women who were prepared to speak very frankly about their decision to have children on their own and to say how much better off they were financially and emotionally for being without men. The programme noted the enormous cost to the welfare system of never-married mothers — the fastest growing category of single parents — and examined one American initiative which capped the benefits of women who had more than one illegitimate child.

The NCOPF was incandescent. It took upon itself the task of lodging a complaint with the Broadcasting Complaints Commission on behalf of all single parents whose cause had been damaged by this alleged misrepresentation.

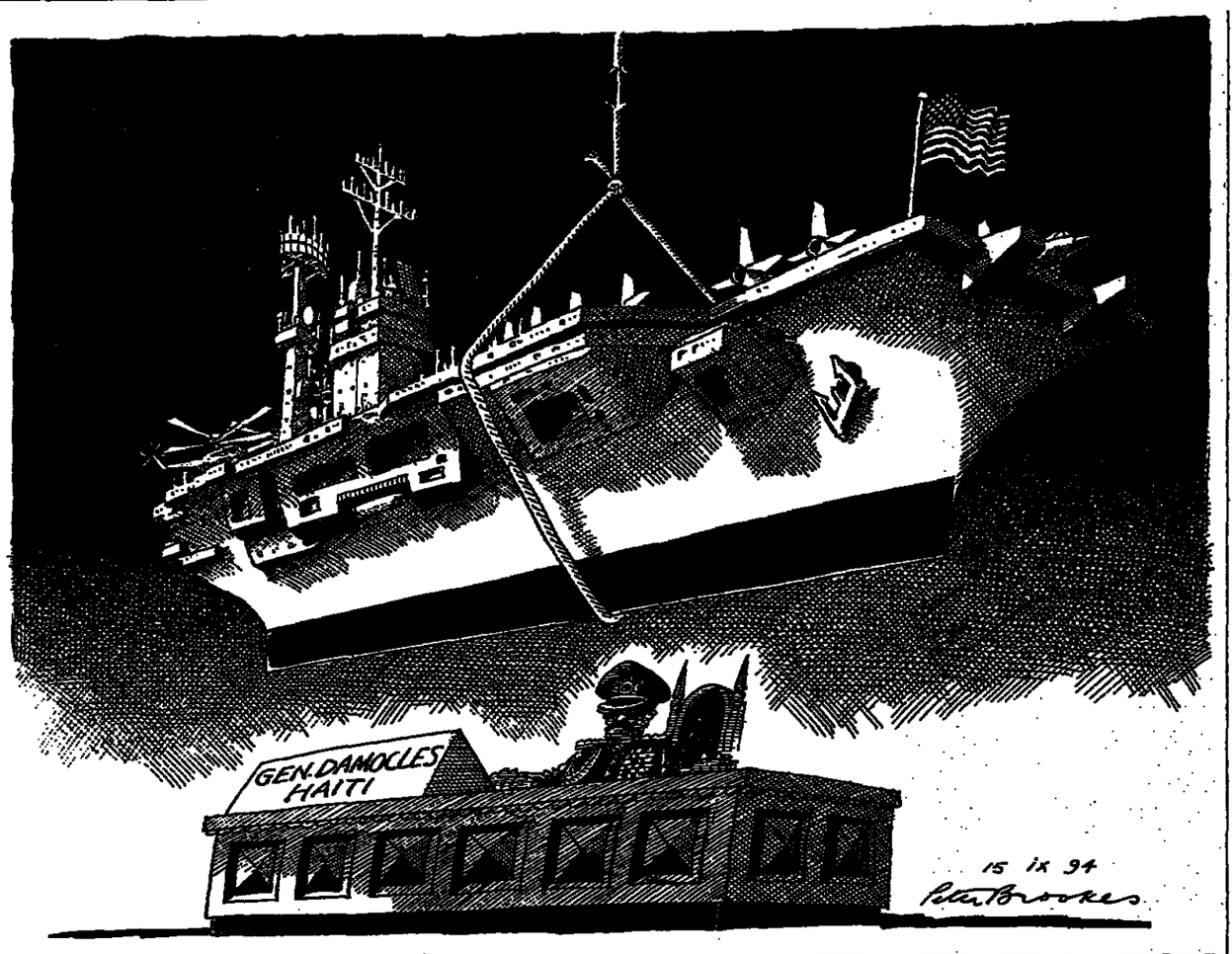
The commission's official remit is to investigate complaints by individuals who feel that they have been treated unfairly by broadcasters. It was not devised as a platform for lobby groups to protest about the political balance of programmes.

But Ms Slipman justifies her action on the grounds that the inarticulate mothers who took part in the programme would not have the resources to pursue a complaint. Only one such participant has allowed herself to be associated with NCOPF's protest: she now claims not to be living on benefits — an assertion which the BBC says is demonstrably untrue.

The NCOPF went on to argue that those women who said things which it sees as incorrect or damaging *should not have been allowed to make those statements*. So the BCC finds itself ruling against the individual's right to say what she likes and believes, just because it goes against the lobby group's party line. What right does anyone have to say that other people cannot speak for themselves?

Panorama is also accused of failing to distinguish between never-married mothers and other single parents — the divorced or abandoned — thus tarring all lone parents with the same brush. In fact the programme referred repeatedly to this distinction. But if, as Ms Slipman often says, there is nothing wrong in raising children alone when all the local men are useless, why should the *Panorama* women bring shame on the lone parent cause? You cannot promote single mothers as heroines and then protest because they are not depicted as victims.

The NCOPF also maintained that all the commentators on the programme were "right-wing and predictable". One of these was Professor A.H. Halsey, who is left-wing, and whose remarks about the devastating social effects of fatherlessness have been highly unpredictable. He gave me his reaction to the NCOPF's view: "I don't know what right-wing means in this context. To dismiss all criticism of never-married mothers as 'right-wing' is very dangerous. It becomes impossible to address a very serious issue." But perhaps that is the whole point. Pressure groups have moved from speaking out in public debate to dominating it. They now seem to be aiming to shut it down altogether.



Crime's global future

The world may have to rely on profits from drug cartels for cash to invest

William Rees-Mogg

In the Soviet Union the Mafia, as has been well reported by the BBC, is threatening to take over the banking system. In Italy the Mafia has infiltrated the old political parties, and in effect destroyed them. In Brazil the last President was removed by impeachment. Corruption is out of control in some parts of China. Yet by far the largest illegal industry in the world is drugs. We need to know whether drug profits are going to finance a widespread criminal takeover of respectable businesses, similar to the takeover that has occurred in Russia.

Certainly, the trade in illegal drugs is now one of the world's most important profit centres. Any estimate of its scale can only be very loose; illegal activities are not recorded in reliable statistics.

The world has a population of 5.5 billion, or thereabouts. Nobody knows how many people use illegal drugs; indeed the laws which prohibit drugs vary from country to country. I know of no estimate which puts regular illegal drug use in the wealthier nations at less than 2.5 per cent, or one person in 40. Occasional use is much more frequent. There could be a total of 125 million drug addicts, twice the population of the United Kingdom, perhaps more.

How much do drug users spend on their drugs? Nobody knows. The Marquess of Bristol is said to have spent £7.5 million. Some spend all their income and steal to buy extra supplies. Others have only a modest habit they can afford. Yet drugs are expensive, and addiction is powerful.

Let us suppose that regular users spend 20 per cent of their incomes. That would mean that world expenditure on drugs could amount to about 0.5 per cent of available personal incomes. In the mid-1980s the United States President's Commission on Organised Crime estimated the Mafia take at $47 billion or 1 per cent of the US gross domestic product of that period. If drugs accounted for half the Mafia turnover, that would fit the 0.5 per cent estimate.

The world's GDP domestic product comes to somewhere around $25 trillion, of which governments spend about 40 per cent, leaving personal incomes of around $15 trillion. Even if drug expenditure is only 0.5 per cent of this personal income, it would amount to $75 billion a year. Most of that would come from the wealthiest countries where the large-scale producers and distributors control the market; they use small-scale dealers at the actual point of sale. If one assumed that these large operators have a profit of 20 per cent of the turnover, their annual profits would total $15 billion. One estimate is that the Cali syndicate of Colombia alone has a profit from cocaine of $7 billion; that is a figure which cannot be checked, but it suggests that this $15 billion estimate could be too low.

The big drug entrepreneurs pay little or no tax, so most of the $15 billion can be reinvested. Their cash flow is so large that the working capital requirements of the business must be almost negligible. Nobody can know how good the investment advice to the illegal drug trade has been. In the past ten years good investment could have averaged 15 per cent compound return, which doubles every five years. On this rate, $15 billion a year would become $300 billion after ten years, $1,500 billion after 20 and $6,300 billion after 30. That is quite a lot of money.

My guess would be that we have now reached the end of this first decade, or its equivalent, and that the capital funds in the illegal drugs trade are now in the hundreds of billions, with $300 billion as a plausible figure. From now on compound interest will be more important to the growth of these funds than the profit from the drugs themselves. The most successful group will be those who have the best investment policies rather than those who have the best distribution systems.

The drugs trade is an illegal commodities business. The very useful *World Index of Resources and Population*, published by Dartmouth, gives figures for the main industrial commodities and fuels. If illegal drugs turnover is $75 billion, that would compare with $23.5 billion for gold, only $22 billion for copper, and $33 billion for iron ore, which is the largest metal in value; drugs would be approximately equal in turnover to gold, copper and iron ore mining put together. The fuels have much higher total value, with crude oil at $459 billion, natural gas at $235 billion and coal at $154 billion. But, of course, costs are higher in all these minerals, and profits lower.

If the drug business reinvests its profits, it will acquire an increasingly powerful position in legitimate business. On these estimates of compound growth, the capital value of drug-related funds in ten years' time will be approximately equal to the $1,500 billion current value of the world's stock of gold, and in 20 years' time will be larger than the current annual GDP of the United States. Such wealth gives substantial power — indeed the drug syndicates have widespread power already.

Will they save and invest their money? The Cali syndicate members live in rather comfortable suburban homes such as one might find in the wealthier part of Hampstead or perhaps on the Costa Brava. They are not free to mix with the more free-spending multi-millionaires of Western society. If they go to Las Vegas or Monaco, they are likely to be arrested; they cannot even lead in their horses at Ascot. Social isolation reinforces what have been called "the classic characteristics of Protestant non-conformist capitalism — frugality, the ploughing back of profits, the networks of cousinhoods providing investment capital, the modest, withdrawn, style of life".

A really cold-blooded economist, a practitioner of the dismal science at its most dismal, would see some virtue in this. Some advanced countries, including the United States and Britain, save much too little. The drug dealers impose a tax on their citizens, and reinvest it. Yet the prudent burghers of Cali have their drawbacks, apart from the destruction of countless human lives caused by their drugs.

One disadvantage is that all illegal businesses have to gain protection by buying politicians. The Colombian drugs barons have consistently, and with considerable success, sought to buy the politicians of Colombia, and the police and judges as well. The Mafia in Italy deeply penetrated the old parties, particularly the Christian Democrats. During Prohibition, the bootleggers bribed American politicians and law enforcement agencies; the FBI won its reputation in the 1930s by being free from corruption.

No country can expect to protect the integrity of its police or political system if an illegal trade has access to these sums of money; corruption can become still more widespread as the drugs business moves into its second phase of legitimate investment. There is another worrying problem. Illegal contracts are not legally enforceable. If a local dealer buys drugs from a main supplier, he cannot be taken to the County Court to enforce payment on the due date. Contracts have therefore to be enforced by violence, and this frequently includes death.

In the United States, prohibition led naturally to illegal sale of alcohol; that required the corruption of policemen, judges and politicians; it also led to the specialised function of "Murder Incorporated", who took contracts to kill people, largely to enforce other illegal contracts. The natural result of large-scale illegal trading, in whatever substances, is murder as well as corruption.

Prohibition in the United States created an artificial monopoly for the organised criminals who supplied the American public with their booze; drug prohibition, enforced on a worldwide scale, has created a much larger artificial monopoly for those organised criminals who supply cocaine, heroin and other illegal substances. The so-called "wars against drugs" have been predictably unsuccessful, but have had enough effect to maintain this monopoly, and to keep prices high. All the efforts that governments have made against the trade have enhanced the profits. Attempts to prevent the money being laundered have also failed. Once the funds are in the world electronic banking system, they can hardly ever be identified or recovered.

The future growth of the drug dealers' capital is most worrying of all. If Cali becomes a town with almost unlimited funds, businesses which need capital will go to Cali. We may be putting the investment future of the world in the hands of people whose own business regularly requires them to employ both corruption and hitmen. That could create a criminal world culture.

Police tactics on trial

Frances Gibb on the pitfalls of securing evidence

Mr Justice Ognall will be convicted without trial by the tabloids for throwing out the case against Colin Stagg, accused of the brutal murder of Rachel Nickell in front of her toddler. Once again, it will be said, the English legal system has failed to deliver justice. But Mr Ognall is innocent. He was only doing his job.

In one of strongest judicial condemnations of police behaviour, Mr Justice Ognall decried the "lengths police were prepared to go". Stagg had been tricked and manipulated by a policewoman who befriended him in a covert cat-and-mouse operation. Her conduct "betrays not merely an excess of zeal, but a blatant attempt to incriminate a suspect by positive and deceptive conduct of the grossest kind," said the judge.

The policewoman had persistently attempted to elicit a confession: threatening that without it she would end her relationship with Stagg. But such a strategem was inexcusable. Stagg was so much under her spell that he even confessed to a murder which had never taken place.

Not for the first time, light has been cast on the murky world of police operations. Under enormous public pressure to find a suspect, the police clearly overstepped the mark. Even the prosecuting counsel, John Nutting QC, admitted the exercise was on the "cusp" of what was legally admissible. Such tactics are becoming more popular.

With suspects' rights now enshrined in law — and particularly since the 1984 Police and Criminal Evidence Act and its codes of practice on questioning and detention — police are up against what they see as tighter and tighter restrictions. They resort to increasingly novel methods to obtain evidence. As Professor Mike McConville, director of the Legal Research Institute at the University of Warwick, commented: "Their traditional methods of obtaining evidence through interrogation and questioning have been shown to produce evidence of a questionable character and they are now seeking to expand their investigative armoury into non-confrontational methods."

Methods range from use of "romantic entanglement" — as with Colin Stagg — to video surveillance and telephone interception. In one case police set up a jewellery shop to catch thieves. Car traps — keys left in the ignition — are also being used.

But such practices have brought police into confrontation with the law. A 38-year-old grocer from Leeds was cleared in March of murdering his wife — even though he had confessed to an undercover officer and the conversation was taped. Mr Justice Waterhouse ruled that the jury could not hear the tape, but he sanctioned its publication after the trial. As they kissed and cuddled in her car, the undercover officer, "Liz", had encouraged Keith Hall to reveal he had strangled his wife Patricia, aged 39, and burned her body. But the judge said "Liz" had actively questioned Hall, which constituted an interrogation by a police officer and been placed under an "overwhelming inducement" to confess.

Roger Ede, secretary of the Law Society's criminal law committee, said that the Stagg case was not one of entrapment, which is "when a police officer actually enables someone to to commit a crime for the purpose of arresting them". Rather it was one of obtaining evidence through undercover means.

Such methods are not illegal. The 1984 Police and Criminal Evidence Act does not automatically exclude evidence obtained in breach of the codes of the practice. Instead, it is left to judges to draw the line: they will look at how evidence was obtained and decide if the methods used were unfair. The nub of it will be whether the police sought to circumvent a suspect's rights. When police suspect a crime has been committed, they must caution the suspect, who will then know that he faces possible charges. He also has a right to legal advice. A suspect "interviewed" by an undercover agent has no such protection.

In the past two years though, Lord Taylor, Lord Chief Justice, has given rulings laying down criteria for admissibility of evidence. Not all "tricks" will render evidence inadmissible, he said. But he emphasised that the codes of practice protecting suspects did not apply just to those in custody; they could also cover situations outside a police station.

Above all, police tactics should not drive a coach and horses through suspects' rights. It would be unfair, Lord Taylor said in one case, for police to adopt an undercover pose or disguise "to facilitate the asking of questions about an offence uninhibited by the requirements of the code with the effect of circumventing it".

After yesterday's ruling, there will be pressure for methods of gathering evidence to be clarified. In the meantime, the verdict of many lawyers — if not the public — was that the case vindicated the system. "The criminal justice system," Ede rightly remarked," should be judged by how well it protects the rights of people accused of the most unpleasant crimes — that is the the true test of how the system is working."

Prime position

JOHN MAJOR is turning his attention to preservation. Not just of his job, but of buildings. I am told he has muscled in as the keynote speaker tomorrow at a conference in London to celebrate the tenth anniversary of English Heritage.

The Prime Minister has apparently taken the engagement at the last minute under pressure from his office, which is clearly anxious to find a colourful issue to give the poor man a boost. But by doing so, he hasn't done his Heritage Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, any favours.

Dorrell is due to speak at the conference along with Environment Secretary John Gummer. And heritage sources claim that Sarah Hogg, head of Downing Street's policy unit, who is writing his speech, has insisted that Major gets a clear run on material. This will leave Dorrell and Gummer decidedly short of things to say.

In a personal speech Major is expected to assume the mantle of a man in touch with the environment and concerned for the future look of Britain and its cities. English Heritage chairman Jocelyn Stevens and Lord Rothschild, chairman of the English Heritage Memorial Fund, are also addressing the conference, which can only worsen the situation for the two ministers.

English Heritage, normally a voluble source of information, is keeping its powder dry. "I'm afraid I can't tell you anything at all," says a spokesman.

Treble chance

A CENTRAL London hotel has been invaded by some unusually jolly and vocal young guests. Westminster Abbey's choristers have set up in Queensgate's Leicester Court Hotel after being turfed out of their choir-school dormitories next to the Abbey. Essential repairs are blamed.

"They seem to find it all rather exciting," reports the school's headmaster, Gordon Roland-Adams, who is dossing down with them. "One boy even said it will be brilliant to spend Christmas here."

Bunk beds have been shipped in for a dorm-like feel, and lunches (boiled cabbage probably) are laid on at the weekend in a nearby wine bar. The one complaint so far means boys are now banned from using the lifts. "But they've been extremely well behaved," says Roland-Adams. "Although three long-term residents do seem to have left since we arrived."

● *Sluicing back a glass or two of Dom Pérignon 1985 yesterday at a lunch hosted by Viscount Marchwood, managing director of Moët & Chandon, was Terry Wogan. "I gave up Guinness as soon as I could afford to," he explained.*

Stumped

LONG faces are, sadly, all too apparent among a modest band of cricketers after news that John Major has invited Surrey's Alec Stewart and other sports stars to accompany him next week to South Africa. Datchet Cricket Club's top players had expected Stewart to turn out at their Berkshire ground to play against them in a benefit match on Wednesday.

"It's very sad he won't be here," sighs Colin Schnadhorst, Datchet's chairman. "But we're taking it on the nose. He's a fairly important bod and, since John Major is a staunch Surrey fan, I suppose he's a natural."

Coo, lovely

LIGHT has at last been shed on the ultimate among grace-and-favour apartments in any royal household. The new pigeon lofts at Sandringham, where Her Majesty's 160 or so royal racing pigeons are settling in, seem to be fancier than any in the country.

The first exposé of the lofts appears in that bible of the Barboured set, *The Field*, next month. "The new royal loft is the Ritz of pigeon accommodation," gushes the magazine, which claims the Queen pays more than a passing interest in breeding and racing techniques. Sentimentality, too, plays its part. "In the royal lofts, mating is planned for St Valentine's Day. Lofts are warmed up and days artificially extended to emulate spring. An ingenious system of hingeless partitions allows the birds to pair up."



Teed off

MICHAEL Portillo doesn't seem to have much luck with parties. In fact, he is not having much luck at all. Our Employment Secretary has been laid low by a bout of 'flu this week and hence pulled out of a key meeting in Brussels. But a handful of his Enfield constituents are also livid because he suddenly cancelled an appearance at a special party in his honour at a new crazy golf course in Palmers Green.

"We are furious," says Carla Wrixon, the course manageress. "The public were looking forward to seeing him; local councillors had been invited. A free day's worth of golf was offered to anybody who came along. He has let everyone down." Apparently Portillo's secretary, Clemency Ames, rang her to say: "Sorry, he won't be coming, he's feeling a bit off the road."



Shulman: new billowing attire?

● *Keep a close eye out for maternity wear in Vogue's fashion pages this autumn. I am told that the magazine's newly married editor, Alexandra Shulman, is pregnant and has been casting around for loose-fitting frocks.*

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RIGHTS AND WRATH

Words fly and a killer is still free

"The law has been upheld, but where is the justice?" asked the father of Rachel Nickell yesterday, after the trial collapsed of the man accused of her murder. Mr Nickell is angry, understandably so, and the targets of his wrath will be scattered widely around the criminal justice system. There is the judge, Mr Justice Ognall, who ruled, after seven days of legal argument, that the police evidence against Colin Stagg was inadmissible. There is the law, which on undercover police operations is vague. There are the police, who apparently failed to stay on the right side of the law. And there is the Crown Prosecution Service, which advised the police that the evidence should be put before a court.

The principal law which covers methods of obtaining evidence is the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. Usually suspects have to be reminded of their rights before being asked questions by the police and can ask to have a solicitor present during interrogations. The Act is not, however, watertight. Evidence obtained in a way that breaches the code can still be admitted: it is up to the judge concerned to decide. It must be galling for the police, the CPS, and particularly the courageous undercover police officer concerned, that the judge ruled in the way that he did. Yet he was probably right to do so: a confession of murder to another undercover woman police officer was also ruled inadmissible recently. Had this judge allowed the evidence, he might have been overturned on appeal.

The affair certainly raises questions about the relative morality and legality of different undercover methods. The police frequently induce people to commit crimes and then secure convictions afterwards. Sometimes undercover officers buy drugs from dealers and then arrest them. The police have tempted people to steal cars and have even opened a jewellery shop to trap sellers of stolen goods. If it is allowable to tempt people to commit crimes, can the police not tempt people to admit to crimes that they have already committed or to incriminate themselves?

Uncorroborated confessions are more dangerous than incrimination. A false confession could be made in order to impress an undercover officer, and in the Nickell case, it would have been right for the judge to disallow a confession had one been made: the officer had excessively manipulated Mr Stagg to produce one. But for a suspect to reveal facts to an undercover officer that only the killer could have known ought perhaps to be considered stronger evidence, less vulnerable to manipulation.

In such a foul murder as this one, the pressure on the police to catch the killer is immense. It had all the elements guaranteed to produce widespread shudders of horror: a beautiful young woman walking in broad daylight in what should have been a safe place, a tiny child forced to watch as his mother was murdered. The judge accused the police of an "excess of zeal", but their actions are hardly surprising. In the absence of adult witnesses or forensic evidence, what else could they have done but initiate an undercover operation, in the hope that it would lead them to evidence that they might not otherwise have found?

Now, though, the police will have to rethink their undercover tactics to ensure that other cases do not collapse. The answer to Mr Nickell's question — where is the justice? — is that the reputation of the criminal justice system rests on its justice, and that is most tested in the hardest of cases. Meanwhile the killer of Miss Nickell, whoever he is, is still at large.

LIGHT IN ALGERIA

Listen to Washington: ignore the French

After the ill-judged suspension of its elections in January 1992, Algeria has, until this week, been a source of little but worry and fear. Over 10,000 people have been murdered during a swift degeneration of the state and its morale, a near collapse of public order and civic institutions. In a country whose capital is closer to Marseilles, Madrid or Rome than is Brussels, Islamic extremists and security forces have fought each other to a standstill.

This week has brought from Algiers the first good news in more than two-and-a-half years. President Liamine Zeroual, who was installed by the military in February, has ordered the release from prison of two of the most senior leaders of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS). Though still under house arrest, their calibrated reinsertion into the political process is imminent.

In releasing the leaders of the FIS, and in seeking to kindle with them a political equation, President Zeroual has taken an important step towards leading Algeria out of deep trouble. In doing so, albeit very tardily, he has emerged from what the novelist Juan Goytisolo — Spain's best-known observer of the Maghreb — described as a prolonged period of "aphasia, paralysis and division".

The Algerian junta has blundered in so far treating only with marginal parties, while turning its back on the FIS. The FIS did, after all, win the elections in 1992: whatever one may think of its Islamist message, and the pursuit of violence by its armed wing, it enjoys a degree of support among ordinary Algerians of which no other political movement can boast. It can neither be wished away, nor crushed by military force.

The Clinton Administration deserves credit for its astute approach to Algeria. Unlike the French government, whose opposition to the FIS is visceral, the Americans have consistently urged Mr Zeroual to seek out moderate Islamic elements, arguing that there is no choice but to recognise the force of Islam in Algeria. American officials have been in regular contact with leaders of the FIS; in return, Algeria has seen little of the anti-American rhetoric that characterised Iran in the period before the Shah's overthrow. For Washington, this could prove an important political investment.

France, however, has played a shoddy hand in resisting pressure from Washington — and from Madrid — to moderate its support for the status quo in Algeria. The oft-quoted remark by Charles Pasqua, the French Interior Minister, that there is "no such thing as a moderate fundamentalist" was as egregious as it was unhelpful. France's Algeria policy has been dictated more by a purblind concern with its forthcoming presidential elections than by long-term geopolitical logic. It would appear, in the process, to have forfeited a potential mediator's role between the FIS and the Algerian junta.

The FIS, in an official statement marking the release of its leaders, has called for a "just, legitimate and durable solution allowing the return of stability", which would serve as "the basis for building a civilised society based on the principles of Islam". As an opening offer after a period of unyielding conflict, that is not unpromising. Although the process will be arduous, both America and Spain — the EU state with the most intelligent Maghreb policy — should offer their good offices to Algeria. The South African model of a government of national unity offers a worthwhile paradigm, and not just in the short term.

A MICHELANGELO?

When experts collide, let all the information be out

We report today on the reopening of a grand old artistic controversy. More than a century ago it was suggested in *The Times* that *The Entombment* in the National Gallery is not by Michelangelo. The dovecotes fluttered in Trafalgar Square then. And they are fluttering again, even faster, now.

Art scholarship, a potent mix of science and instinct, has always been a fine source of spats. However skilfully the experts deploy their latest technologies and awesome pedantry, questions of artistic provenance frequently remain unsusceptible of proof. It is claimed that "of easel paintings Michelangelo left but three and of these the National Gallery possesses two". This is a good boast and no doubt good for the box office. But in the nature of the game it will never be demonstrable fact.

More daylight will be let on the inexhaustible subject by next month's exhibition at the National Gallery, "Making and Meaning: the Young Michelangelo". Joshua Reynolds, the first president of the Royal Academy, declared in one of his discourses that he desired that the last words he should pronounce in the academy might be the name — Michael Angelo. But the last word can never be spoken about a talent as Protean as that. Great art must continually open the minds as well as the eyes of everybody, even the experts, to new worlds.

The *curriculum artis* of *The Entombment* is not impressive. It was neither mentioned by any of Michelangelo's biographers nor attributed to him until a century and a half after it was painted, and then only uncertainly. For a time the painting did duty as a stall or table for fish and frogs in Rome.

After the National Gallery bought it as a Michelangelo in 1868, the leading connoisseur of the day, J. C. Robinson, argued in a letter to *The Times* that the artist was Baccio Bandinelli, Michelangelo's malignant rival and plagiarist, who played Salieri to Michelangelo's Mozart. Hints to the same effect can be detected in Vasari's entertaining biographies of the Renaissance artists.

It is good to see the old arguments back. Let, however, the weapons be fairly divided. Gallery experts argue that *The Entombment* was surely painted by the hand that painted the Sistine Chapel. Others claim, with equal certitude, that to attribute such a "third-rate work" to Michelangelo violates his integrity. The danger comes when the small, tight world of official art refuses even to consider artistically incorrect opinions.

Curators exercise enormous power, and incline to be dismissive on any questions of provenance which raise doubts about their competence or affect the value of their paintings. Too many British galleries are reluctant to release the dossiers about the provenance and cleaning of their paintings. They restrict access only to accepted scholarly publications which can be relied on to know what is good for them. By contrast, the Louvre exercises freedom of artistic opinion by allowing public access to its dossiers. Love of art, and the rows that accompany love, flourish best in the daylight

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Time to increase help for Rwanda

From the Director of Actionaid

Sir, The resignation of the head of the UN human rights investigation team in Rwanda (report, September 12) is a pertinent reminder of how the international community continues to fail the people of Central Africa.

Although its work has been identified as "top priority" by the UN's special envoy to Rwanda, the investigation team is yet to receive adequate vehicles or communications equipment, let alone the full complement of human rights experts.

To investigate the massacre of an estimated 500,000 people and to piece back together the trust and hope of an entire country is an immense task by anyone's standards. To expect a team to achieve this without access to cars, telephones or lawyers is both farcical and tragic.

If long-term stability is to be achieved in Central Africa, human rights must be top priority for the international community — not just in words, but in deeds. As a first step, full resources must be made immediately available for human rights commissions in both Rwanda and neighbouring Burundi.

There is a very real danger that the fragile situation in Central Africa will slip off the world's political agenda. Now is the testing time for the international community to demonstrate its commitment to stability in the region. The political will must remain — long after the cameras have gone.

Yours faithfully,
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September 13.

Training doctors

From Dr S. K. Goolamali

Sir, Dr Jean Lawrie (letter, September 8) confuses the important issue of medical training with the erroneous and inflammatory question of whether this country should continue to rely on overseas-born or trained doctors to staff the NHS.

As an overseas-born but British-trained doctor I have over 25 years helped to train a great many British-born and trained, overseas-born British-trained, and overseas-born and overseas-trained doctors. In my experience the acquisition of the art and science of medicine did not rely on the birthplace, religion or ethnic background of the student or doctor but on the dedication, compassion and generosity of the individual.

At a time of great upheaval in the NHS it behoves us all to persuade our policymakers to re-examine key issues; antagonising 25 per cent of GP principals and 50 per cent of hospital doctors in the process would seem to be throwing the baby — home or foreign — out with the murky NHS water.

Yours faithfully,
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Italian politics

From Signor Raimondo Manzini

Sir, On September 6 you published a penetrating appraisal of the Italian political situation by Lord Wyatt. It deserved a more dignified comment than a cheap shopworn joke unworthy of the former editor of a newspaper of *Corriere della Sera*'s standing (letter, September 10).

I have never met Signor Berlusconi and reserve my judgment but, in agreement with all Italian true democrats, I feel that he should be given a chance to do the job for which he was elected by our people. If Signor Ottone had known this country better, he would have realised that lampooning one's Prime Minister *abroad* has limited appeal to British readers.

Yours sincerely,
RAIMONDO MANZINI
(Italian Ambassador to the UK, 1968-75),
106 Somerset Road, SW19.

Penny-wise

From Professor H. MacL. Currie

Sir, Miss Suzanna Storer (letter, September 5) has expressed her irritation at receiving so many 1p pieces in change. To prevent theft by dishonest sales assistants goods are commonly priced "awkwardly" (viz at 99p, £1.99, £2.99, etc) so that change has to be given — which means that the transaction is recorded for accountancy purposes within the till.

Yours truly,
H. MacL. CURRIE.
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Loose talk

From Mr D. K. Lewis

Sir, I have recently heard several BBC correspondents, in London and overseas, referring to abortion as "a method of contraception". Do such terminological miscarriages reflect a failure of Birt-control?

Yours faithfully,
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September 12.

Positive steps to end 'yob culture'

From Dr Adrian Bint

Sir, Peter Riddell ("Still at sea with his own party", September 12) writes of "sea changes in what the public wants and approves of". As an ex-Conservative voter I think I know what constitutes these sea changes.

Conservative policies of cutting and privatising public services, and the general philosophy of anti-spiritual materialism, although producing some economic success for Britain, have had dire social effects. The disappearance of social cohesion and moral values, the rise of unemployment, crime and "yob culture", and the consequent lack of a feeling of security for many people, are causing people to think that it's time for a complete change of direction.

The idea that tax cuts will restore Conservative fortunes is a delusion: they would inevitably lead to further cuts in public spending. I would rather have a modest tax increase if I could see some prospect of reversing these dreadful social drawbacks.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. BINT,
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Newcastle upon Tyne.

From Mr Oliver A. W. Lodge

Sir, At last we are witnessing a top-level Government attack on the excessive leniency of judges and magistrates in this country (report, September 10). It is to be hoped that our otherwise incomparable, independent judiciary (and others responsible for dealing with offenders) will take note. Public confidence in them depends almost entirely on this one aspect of their position.

Most of us accept that prison does not deter criminals from re-offending: it is time that the social services accepted that none of their alternatives does either. Individuals who have shown that they cannot be deterred from criminal acts must be prevented through custody.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER LODGE,
77 Pentney Road, SW12.

From Mr John Shedden

Sir, The Prime Minister urges tougher action against wrongdoers, demanding "unambiguous messages" from the courts that offenders will be punished and victims supported.

He makes no mention of any need to recover or to mitigate the financial loss suffered by individuals and by society at large from criminal activities. An offender sent to prison for vandalism, for example, will increase the cost burden on society without, it seems, being obliged to pay for the damage he has caused.

One would welcome some assurance that the means by which offenders are expected to compensate their victims will be taken into account when penalties and any possible leniency are considered, either at the time of sentencing or subsequently.

Yours faithfully,
J. SHEDDEN,
6 Barnfield Close, Crockenhill, Kent.

From Mr Robert Leach

Sir, Jeremy Hanley, MP, after his use of the word "exuberance" to describe yobbish behaviour, must be the first politician with the grace, honesty and integrity to have said: "Yes, I have made a mistake, I am willing to apologise for it. It is completely my fault" (report, September 12).

What a fine example of leadership he has provided.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT LEACH.
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Stoneleigh, Epsom, Surrey.

Income from students

From Mr M. Carter

Sir, How can Simon Jenkins ("The tide turns for Tyneside", September 10) advocate that a great city like Newcastle should base its future on income generated by students?

Such a breath-taking economic vision seems to fall in line with Government thinking, which is apparently determined to turn most of our old industrial cities into tourist heritage sites with student accommodation.

Tourism is good news but the great cities of Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle and Glasgow were built on the back of earned income in the form of coal, steel, wool and ships. Work and industry run deeply through northern culture, but instead of fostering this way of life and creating the kind of environment which breeds success, successive governments (mainly Conservative) have turned our society into one that is continually looking south for state handouts.

It is ironic that the handouts have now started to come from Europe because they consider some parts of our region to be the poorest in Europe.

Yours sincerely,
M. CARTER,
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Adlington, Chorley, Lancashire.

Housing benefit

From Councillor Margaret Moran

Sir, Jonathan Aitken, Chief Secretary to the Treasury (report, September 6), suggests that "quite a lot of people on housing benefit are living in houses which are too big for them".

However, the rent on which housing benefit is payable by the Treasury is very strictly linked to family size, under Government regulations introduced in 1990. In addition Government-appointed officials can stop the Treasury having to pay for housing benefit on the proportion of the rent deemed to be above the market level, and they do so in two out of every five cases.

The Department of Social Security's own research (report no 26) on the effects of benefit in housing decisions found little evidence to support the notion that people were choosing to move home because of the availability of benefit.

While Mr Aitken may be ignorant of the research and regulations, he cannot be ignorant of the Government's policy of deregulating rents in the private sector and creating a rental market. It is this deregulation that has caused the benefit bill to grow so fast.

Mr Aitken might have more success in curbing this growth if he turned his steely gaze onto the plans of his colleagues in the DoE, who announced (report, July 19) plans to change the rules to divert low-income homeless families to private rented rather than council housing.

It is not too difficult to guess what that will do to the housing benefit bill.

Yours,
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Parishes galore

From Mr Richard Rhodes James

Sir, I knew our country clergy had to have mobility as one of their requirements, but can one go too far? This announcement appeared in your Church News of September 10: "The Rev Ronald Lloyd, Rector of Alvescot w Black Bourton, Shilton, Holwell and Westwell: to be *also* Priest in Charge of Broughton Poges w Filkins, Broadwell w Kelmscott, Kencot, Langford and Little Faringdon (Oxford)". That makes 12 churches. Such a sorry situation shows with terrible clarity what a mess the Church's rural ministry is in. Poor Mr Lloyd. I hope he is in good health and has a good memory as he catches fleeting glimpses of his scattered flock.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD RHODES JAMES,
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September 12.

Oath of allegiance

From Mr John Howson

Sir, Earlier this week I was asked, in my role as a JP, to administer an oath of allegiance for the son of a friend of mine who has become a British citizen. This is the third time in as many years I have been asked to perform this duty. On each occasion I have been struck by the shoddy paperwork produced by the Home Office which was virtually unreadable in places.

To the three people concerned this was an important moment in their lives and the State appeared to treat it as little more than a bureaucratic chore. I would like to think that there was some way in which this symbolic moment could be invested with just a little more dignity.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HOWSON,
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September 13.

A glaring problem

From Mr M. J. Carson-Rowland

Sir, I heartily agree with the Institute of Criminology at Cambridge University (report, early editions, September 6) that "better lighting" is highly desirable.

What we must not lose sight of, however, is the fact that any additional lighting systems need to be carefully designed and implemented. We should not be deluded into thinking that simply adding more illumination is a cure-all.

Far too often lighting systems are installed which emit a large percentage of light above the horizontal. This is particularly true of security lights affixed to private houses which, incidentally, are often rated at 500W when, correctly installed and aligned, 150W is more than adequate.

Apart from the unnecessary glare, which is often detrimental to safe motoring, the savings to be made in energy consumption are obvious. Similar criticisms can be levelled at much of the floodlighting of buildings and sports facilities.

The Campaign for Dark Skies was set up in 1990 and wants to see greater use, in *all* locations, of modern fittings which control the light emitted. To use a hackneyed phrase, "we have the technology". Let us use it.

Yours faithfully,
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Elgar in town and country

From Mr Richard Westwood-Brookes

Sir, Opponents of the long awaited and much needed Elgar Museum and Library at Broadheath, near Worcester (report, September 12), perpetuate one of the greatest myths about the composer — that he was a countryman. Nothing could be further from the truth. He was a town dweller, who, from time to time, had places in the country.

He lived out his growing years in the centre of Worcester and throughout his life chose town addresses — Worcester, London, Malvern, London again, Malvern, Hereford and London again — and this time for nine years. His final home was an imposing mansion (which he referred to as "this little place") in a select suburb of Worcester. The famous cottages of Birchwood and Brinkwells were rented summer retreats.

"Cockaigne" belongs to London. "In the South" to Italy, "The Music Makers" to Judges Walk, Hampstead, the chamber works and cello concerto to Hampstead and Sussex, and the two symphonies to the complexities of his personal relationships. Even the violin concerto owes more to Bray, on the Thames in Berkshire, and Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, than it does to Worcestershire.

Critics of the plan cite Elgar's August 29, 1903, letter regarding the move to Hereford: "We are almost certainly leaving here on account of the building which will spoil our heavenly view." Yet in a letter in my possession dated September 21, 1904, he says of Hereford: ". . . the county is lovely and in the autumn weather we get vapid over its beauty . . ." and in a letter at the very end of his life, dated December 23, 1933, he says: "The Teme to me is the very heart of Worcestershire, that is to say from Worcester through haunted Shelsley as far as Orleston where my interest ceases or wanes." No mention of Broadheath there.

We are fortunate to have such a remarkably extensive archive of Elgar's papers in one location, and the fact that it has for so many years been housed inadequately bears testament to our lack of commitment to our heritage. Those who have promoted the new museum and raised the money should be applauded, not condemned.

The Elgar who, in the 1930s, demanded a peerage as his right, and who chose to commence *The Apostles* with the words "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor" would be very gratified in this final glorification.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WESTWOOD-BROOKES,
The Old Post Office,
Ashford Carbonell,
Ludlow, Shropshire.
September 12.

From Dr John Harcup

Sir, I was surprised to read in your report on the Elgar birthplace at Broadheath of Mr Sam White's comments on the "fully-developed area" surrounding the cottage.

Last Sunday, as part of National Heritage Weekend, I took a coach party to Elgar's summer cottage at Birchwood to the north of the Malvern Hills. From this garden, I was able to point out the birthplace at Broadheath, surrounded by green fields separating it from Worcester. Very little building has taken place there over recent years.

The overwhelming majority of local residents in Malvern and Worcester to whom I have spoken share the concern of the Elgar family at the scale of the museum project, which is out of proportion to the tiny cottage.

Because of the isolation from busy Worcester, the cottage has peace and charm which many of us do not wish to see destroyed. Adequate car parking, toilet facilities and a new shop (the present one is cramped in the cottage) are necessary, but not the proposed development.

May I make a plea from those of us who support the birthplace for reconsideration by the Elgar Foundation of the scale of the new buildings.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HARCUP
(Chairman,
Malvern Civic Society),
17 Churchdown Road,
Malvern, Worcestershire.
September 12.

More indignities

From Mr A. S. C. Richards

Sir, Such misfortunes of both the Violated Mail Manager (letter, September 1) and the lady in the Unclaimed Baggage Department (letter, September 14) will continue to amuse us all on train strike days. More alarming is the thought that managers inflict such tasks on their secretaries as phoning 75 talking timetable numbers as an "experiment" (letter, September 14).

Yours etc,
ALASTAIR RICHARDS,
3 Sutton Gardens, Merstham, Surrey.
September 14.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 14: Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 14: The Princess Royal this morning opened the new Velodrome, the National Cycling Centre, Manchester, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Her Royal Highness later opened the new Wheatsheaf Library, Rochdale, Lancashire.

The Princess Royal this afternoon attended a Civic Luncheon in Manchester Town Hall.

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 14: The Prince of Wales today visited Birmingham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor).

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, this morning attended the trust's Trade Fair at the National Exhibition Centre.

The Prince of Wales, Centenary President, the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, this afternoon visited the National Centenary Exhibition, Museum of Science and Industry, Newall Street.

His Royal Highness, Patron, the Macmillan Nurse Appeal, later visited the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Selly Oak.

Dr Manon Williams was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 14: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Centrepoint, this afternoon visited the Mother and Baby Project, Breakspears Road, London, SE4.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 14: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Queen Margaret College, Edinburgh, today received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of College.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 14: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, today received Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Sanderson, Commanding the 2nd Battalion, on relinquishing the appointment and Lieutenant-Colonel Andy Whistler, on assuming the appointment.

The Duke of Kent, Chancellor, the University of Surrey, this afternoon received Professor Patrick Dowling, Vice-Chancellor.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
September 14: Princess Alexandra was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson which was held today in St Clement Danes, Strand, London, W.C.2.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as President of The Prince's Trust, will attend The Prince's Trust residential course at Sussex University, Brighton, at 2.45.

The Princess Royal, as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will attend a trustees' meeting at British Telecom Headquarters, 81 Newgate Street, EC1, at 11.00; as Patron of the Canal Museum Trust, will attend an exhibition of the Old Ice Trade and Ices, at the London Canal Museum, 12/13 New Wharf Road, King's Cross, at 2.00; and, as Patron of the Home Farm Trust, will attend a reception at Apothecaries' Hall at 12.10 to launch the merger of the HFT Housing Association with the New Era Housing Association.

The Duke of Kent will visit the King Edward VI School, Cottingwood Lane, Morpeth, Northumberland, at 10.50; will visit the Calvert Trust Centre, Kielder, at 1.10; as President of the Scout Association, will visit the National Adventure Camp, Hawkhirst, at 2.25; and, as President of the RAF Benevolent Fund, will attend a reception at the The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre at 7.00.

Dr Carlos Bertram Clarke

A memorial service for Dr Carlos Bertram Clarke, OBE, will be held in the Chapel of The Order of the British Empire, St Paul's Cathedral, London, EC4, on Friday, October 14, 1994, at 11.00am.

Benenden School

The memorial plaque to the French fighter pilot who saved Benenden School from destruction by a flying bomb in 1944 is below the war memorial in St George's Church, Benenden, and not at Tenterden, as we reported on Tuesday. We regret the error.

Birthdays



Jessye Norman, the soprano, is 49 today

Prince Henry of Wales is ten today. The Rev Professor P.R. Ackroyd, theologian, 77; Mr Richard Arnell, composer and conductor, 77; Mr Charles Bone, painter, 68; the Marquess of Bristol, 40; General Eva Burrows, former international leader, Salvation Army, 65; Dame Sylvia Crowe, landscape architect, 93; Mr T.J. Duggin, diplomat, 47; Lord Eden of Winton, 69; Professor Brian Fender, Vice-Chancellor, Keele University, 60; General Sir Victor FitzGeorge-Balfour, 81; Dr Richard Gordon, author, 73; Sir Philip Harris, former chairman, Harris Queensway, 52; Lord Kinnaird, 82; Viscount Norwich, 65; Mr Glen Renfrew, former chief executive, Reuters, 66; Sir Clive Rose, diplomat, 73; Mr Justice Schiemann, 57; Lady Soames, 72; Mr Oliver Stone, film director, 48; Sir Peter Studd, former Lord Mayor of London, 78; Mr Graham Taylor, former manager, England Football team, 50; Mr George Walden, MP, 55; Sir Richard Way, former principal, King's College, London, 80; Sir John Williams, diplomat, 72.

Appointment

Mr Michael Sydney Rabin to be a full-time Chairman of Industrial Tribunals, assigned to the London North region.

Memorial services

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson

Princess Alexandra was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke at a memorial service for Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Ven B.H. Lucas, Chaplain-in-Chief, Royal Air Force, officiated, assisted by the Rev G.B. McAvoy. Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns, Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Northwest Europe, and Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood read the lessons. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, gave an address. The Right Rev John Kirkham, Bishop of Sherborne and Bishop to HM Forces, also representing the Archbishop of Canterbury, pronounced the blessing.

Sir John's medals were borne in procession from the West Door to the Altar by Officers from No II (AC) 41 (F) and 43 (F) Squadrons.

The Lord Privy Seal, the Minister of State for the Armed Forces and the Ambassador of Norway and Mrs Vraalsen attended.

Among others present were:
Lady Thomson (widow), Miss Clare Thomson and Miss Annie Thomson (daughters), Mrs Elizabeth Thomson (mother), Mr and Mrs David Thomson and Mr and Mrs William Thomson (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mrs Liz Hole (sister), Mr and Mrs Richard Levy (brother-in-law and sister), Miss Miriam Thomson, Miss Charlotte Thomson, Miss Emily Thomson, Miss Lizzie Hole, Mr Jamie Hole, Mr Edward Levy, Miss Charlotte Levy, Mrs Mary Park, Mrs Liz Arthur, Mr John Henderson, Colonel T P Finnegan, Mr Terry Finnegan, Mr Tim Campbell-Smith, Mr Martin Campbell-Smith, Miss Katie Campbell-Smith, Mr Oliver Campbell-Smith and other members of the family.
The Earl of Buckinghamshire, the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, Viscount Chelsea, Mrs John Kirkham, Lord Colnbrook, Lord Cottesloe, Marshal of the RAF Lord Craig of Radley, Lady Hutton, Mr Tom King, CH, MP, Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck (Air Squadron), Lieutenant-General the Hon Sir Thomas Boyd-Carpenter, Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, Admiral Sir Hugo White, General Sir Geoffrey Howlett, General Sir Garry Johnson, General Sir Edward Jones, General Sir Brian Kenny (governor, Royal Hospital Chelsea), General Sir Antony Walker, General Sir John Wilsey.
Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Alcock, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Armitage, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans (representing the Order of the Bath), Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell, Air Air Chief Marshal Sir Anthony Heward, Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight (Air Crew Association, the Air League and the RAF Club), Air Chief Marshal Sir Nigel Maynard, Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin (RAF Benevolent Fund), Air Chief Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans, Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Rosier, Air Chief Marshal Sir Anthony Skingsley, Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Sowrey (RAF Historical Society), Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Stear, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, Air Chief Marshal Sir Sandy Wilson, Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wratten (Air Officer-Commanding in Chief Headquarters Strike Command).
Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Woodhead, Lieutenant-General Sir Roger Wheeler, Air Marshal Sir Roy Austen-Smith, Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn, Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Ford, Air Marshal Sir Timothy Garden, Air Marshal Sir John Harris, Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Hayr, Air Marshal Sir Michael Simmons, Air Marshal Sir Thomas Stonor, Air Marshal Sir John Willis, Mr Justice Campbell (Campbell College, Belfast), Sir Alan Campbell, Lady Gilbert, Lady Jackson, Lady Kyle, Lady Mills, Sir Donald Spiers, Lady Whittingham.
Vice Admiral M Rutherford, Air Marshal J S Allison, Air Marshal J A Cheshire, Air Marshal I Macfadyen, Rear-Admiral R F Cobbold, Major-General D M Naylor, Major-General Omdal (Chief of Allied Staff), Major-General J R Templer, Air Vice-Marshal A J C Bagnall, Air Vice-Marshal J A Baird, Air Vice-Marshal P G Beer, Air Vice-Marshal G P Black, Air Vice-Marshal B Brownlow, Air Vice-Marshal G W Carleton, Air Vice-Marshal P D Clarke, Air Vice-Marshal D Cousins, Air Vice-Marshal C C C Coville, Air Vice-Marshal J R Day, Air Vice-Marshal M J C Dicken, Air Vice-Marshal P Dodworth, Air Vice-Marshal M P Donaldson, Air Vice-Marshal D A Dudgeon, Air Vice-Marshal C E Evans, Air Vice-Marshal J D L Feesey, Air Vice-Marshal G Ferguson, Air Vice-Marshal D R French, Air Vice-Marshal P J Harding, Air Vice-Marshal D F A Henderson, Air Vice-Marshal R J Honey, Air Vice-Marshal A F C Hunter, Air Vice-Marshal R H Kyle, Air Vice-Marshal E Macey, Air Vice-Marshal J M Main, Air Vice-Marshal E Macey, Air Vice-Marshal B Newton, Air Vice-Marshal P C Norriss, Air Vice-Marshal R G Peters, Air Vice-Marshal L W Phipps, Air Vice-Marshal M J Pilkington, Air Vice-Marshal R A Riseley-Pritchard, Air Vice-Marshal A Roberts, Air Vice-Marshal G A Robertson, Air Vice-Marshal R M Robson, Air Vice-Marshal D J Saunders, Air Vice-Marshal T B Sherrington, Air Vice-Marshal P T Squire, Air Vice-Marshal C G Terry, Air Vice-Marshal L W F Wheeler, Air Vice Marshal A A G Woodford.
Air Commodore J Broughton, Air Commodore D L Bywater, Air Commodore P J O'Reilly (Ordnance Board), Air Commodore I M Stewart, Air Commodore P Thorne (Martin Marietta Company), Group Captain P Atkins, Group Captain D M Barr, Group Captain T A F Elsdon, Group Captain E M Hancock, Group Captain E M Hately (NAAFI), Group Captain N Walpole, Group Captain G White, Group Captain E C Williamson, Squadron Leader D Macafferty.
Mr M C Barraclough (Tiger Club), Miss M Beckett (Wycombe School), Wing Commander R Cassidy (SHAPE), Mr D Boon (Air Crew Association), Brigadier General D M Dean (Canadian High Commission), Mr A C Hamilton (Turners' Company), Colonel R C Hendicott, Mrs G Joulwan (representing the Supreme Allied Commander Europe), Mr M Marshall (Marshall of Cambridge), General Peron (Chief of Air Staff, France), Mr R J Prest (Sea View Yacht Club), Mr R Simmons, Professor D Bartrop, Mr R Pincham (Barbers' Company), Mr C Thomas, Mr A Weston (British Aerospace), Mr S Barker-Benfield, Judge Colston, QC, Mr F Falk, Mr and Mrs R Freeman, Brigadier General N J Hansen (Danish Air Force), Mr E Harper (Lambeth Fund), Mr N Hayward, Wing Commander J Henson, Mr P A Hearne, Mr R Hill, Vice-Admiral B J Kibsgaard, Squadron Leader W A N Lane, Squadron Leader C Oxland, WRAF, Mr M Lovett, Colonel D M S Maitland-Titterton, Mr B Miller, Mrs I Molloy, Colonel I H M Moore, Mr J M Moss, Dr D F Murrelles, Miss A Quinton, Mr P Riley, Mr Bruno Schroder, Mr A D R Schuenfeld, Mr G C Shorrock, Mr I Tonder, Mrs C Tonder, Miss S Tonder, Mr I Tonder, Mr J R Walgate, Mr M Whittaker, Mr J Wilkinson, MP, Mrs B J Williams and many other friends and past and present collegues in the United Kingdom and overseas.

Major William Loyd

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Major William Loyd was held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. Father David Mead officiated. Mr Misha Hickman, stepson, and Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles read the lessons. Major Timothy Gooch read from *The Hound of Heaven* by Francis Thompson, Mr Vivian Loyd, half-brother, read from *The Prophet* by Khalil Gibran and Major Tony Pyman read *The Cotswold Prayer*. Major Ronald Ferguson gave an address.

Mr Toby Rowland

A celebration for the life of Mr Toby Rowland, theatre producer and theatre manager, was held yesterday at the Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue. Mr Patrick Garland arranged the programme and introduced the speakers. The Earl of Snowdon read the lesson.

Mr Keith Baxter read from Nöel Coward's *The Boy Actor*, Miss Eileen Atkins from Charles Dickens's *Nicholas Nickleby*, Miss Alexandra Bastedo and Mr Christopher Biggins from Athene Seyler's *The Craft of Comedy*, Miss Penelope Keith from Stevie Smith's *O Pug!*, Miss Googie Withers from Nöel Coward's *When I Have Fears*, Mr Patrick Garland from *An Arundel Tomb* by Philip Larkin and Mr Paul Eddington read the headmaster's speech from the end of act one of Mr Alan Bennett's *Forty Years On*.

Mr Michael Coveney read an anthology of weekend faxes sent by Mr Rowland and Sir Peter Hall gave a recollection of the International Playwrights Theatre from 1957 to 1960. Mr David Kernan, tenor, sang Nöel Coward's *Come the Wild Wild Weather*, accompanied by Mr Matthew Freeman, piano. Mr Peter Gilmore introduced Mr Robert Meadmore, tenor, accompanied by Mr Jonathan Parry-Price, piano, who sang from *The Fantasticks*. Mr Peter Greenwell sang *If Love Were All* by Nöel Coward and Mr Robin Blaze, counter-tenor, accompanied by Mr Conrad Wilkinson, piano, sang John Donne's *Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun*, music by Pelham Humphrey.

Among others present were:
Mrs Rowland (widow), Mr and Mrs Paul Jenkins, Toby John Jenkins, Mr and Mrs Patrick Roberts, Mr John Byrom, Mr Michael Pearman, Mr and Mrs Richard Polo, Mr Marvin Sloves, Mr Thom von Buelow.
The Countess of Snowdon, Lord and Lady Attenborough, Lady Grade, the Hon Tarquin Olivier, Sir Stephen Waley-Cohen, Sir John Gielgud, CH, Sir Alec Guinness, CH, and Lady Guinness, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, Sir Eddie Kulukundis and Miss Susan Hampshire, Lady Littler, Lady Pulbrook, Lady Richardson, Sir Peter Saunders and Miss Katie Boyle, Mr Ellis Birk and Baroness Birk, Mr and Mrs Anthony Andrews, Mr John Avery, Mr Frith Banbury, Mrs Louis Benjamin, Mr Alan Bennett, Mr Michael Codron, Mrs Michael Coveney, Miss Constance Cummings, Mr Larry Dalzell, Mr Allan Davis, Mrs Floy Donnell, Mr and Mrs Roger Filer, Mr and Mrs Robert Flemyng, Mrs Angela Fox, Mr Edward Fox and Miss Joanna David, Mr Robert Fox, Mr and Mrs John Gale, Mrs Henny Gestetner, Mrs Peter Gilmore, Mrs Jack Hawkins, Mr and Mrs George Hoare, Mrs Judy Littler, Mr John McCallum, Miss Geraldine McEwan, Mr and Mrs Richard Mills, Mr Stephen Mitchell, Mr Sheridan Morley, Mrs Karen Nichols, Mr and Mrs Peter Owen, Mr and Mrs Michael Redington, Mrs Lois Sieff, Mr Alan Tagg, Mr Rodney Timson, Mr Jack Tinker, Mr Carl Toms, Mr and Mrs Moray Watson, Mr and Mrs Duncan Weldon and Mr Michael White.

Women of the Year Luncheon

The Duchess of Gloucester will be the royal guest of honour at the Women of the Year Luncheon, in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind, at the Savoy Hotel on Monday, October 31. The international guest of honour will be Mrs Helen Suzman.

The Marchioness of Lothian, founder president, will preside. Mrs Odette Hallowes, GC, is a founder vice-president. The vice presidents are the Countess of Airlie, Lady Healey, Mrs Charlotte Baden-Powell, Miss Virginia Wade and Miss Val Arnison. Miss Paddy Campbell is executive chairman of the luncheon and the Hon Diana Makgill and Miss Floella Benjamin are the vice-chairmen.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Chequers in honour of M Jacques Santer, Prime Minister of Luxembourg and President Designate of the European Commission. The other guests were the Ambassador of Luxembourg, M Jim Cloos, M Romain Kirt, Mr Nicholas Elam, Mr Stephen Wright, Mr Anthony Cary and Mr Roderic Lyne.

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a farewell luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government in the Locarno Room at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in honour of Mr Boris Pankin, the Russian Ambassador.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J. Curtis and Miss C. Mannion
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs John Curtis, of Odiham, Hampshire, and Clodagh, daughter of Dr and Mrs Patrick Mannion, of Cape Town, South Africa.

Mr A.E. Justice-Mills and Miss L.C. Redmond
The engagement is announced between Adam Edwards, son of Mrs Sylvia Justice-Mills, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Louise Constance, daughter of Sir James and Lady Redmond, of Highgate, London.

Mr M. Kynaston and Miss K.E. Scargill
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs K.F. Kynaston, of Cockshutt Village, Shropshire, and Katherine, only daughter of Dr and Mrs D.I. Scargill, of Summertown, Oxford.

Mr G.M. Lunn and Miss F. La Civita
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs John Lunn, of Langham, Essex, and Franca, eldest daughter of Signori Angelo and Maria La Civita, of Toronto, Canada.

Mr J.G. Venter and Miss F. de Sales La Terriere
The engagement is announced between Johan Venter, of Windhoek, Namibia, and Fiona, daughter of Captain Ian de Sales La Terriere, of Kinloch Rannoch, Perthshire.

Mr L. Elphinstone-Wells and Miss C.J. Zetter
The engagement is announced between Lawrence, son of the late Mr Conrad Elphinstone-Wells and of Mrs Marjorie Elphinstone-Wells, of Crowthorne, Berkshire, and Carrie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Zetter, Chelsea, London.

Mr D.S.E. Morgan and Miss E.M.K. Bird
The engagement is announced between Darryl, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.F. Morgan, of Medstead, Hampshire, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of the late Mr P.M.K. Bird and of Mrs D.G. Bird, of Weston Patrick, Hampshire.

Mr S.G. Olszowski and Miss V.C.C. Bircher
The engagement is announced between Gregory, younger son of Mr Stefan Olszowski and the late Mrs Patricia Olszowska, of Hambledon, Hampshire, and Veronica, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick Bircher, of Wimbledon, London.

Marriage

Mr N.J. Campbell and Dr J.E. Corrigan
The marriage took place on Friday, September 9, at Lewisham Register Office, between Neil, son of Dr and Mrs Alan Campbell, of Beckenham, Kent, and Jill, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.W. Davies, of Allestree, Derby.

The Royal College of Radiologists

At the Annual General Meeting of the Royal College of Radiologists held yesterday at the University of East Anglia, the following Officers were elected:
President, Dr C.H. Paine (Oxford); Treasurer, Dr M.J. Brindle (Kings Lynn); Vice President, and Dean, Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Professor J.E. Adams (Manchester); Dean, Faculty of Clinical Oncology, Dr M.F. Spittle (London); Registrar of the College and Registrar, Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Dr I.W. McCall (Oswestry); Registrar, Faculty of Clinical Oncology, Dr T.J. Priestman (Wolverhampton); Warden, of Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Professor P. Armstrong (London); Warden of the Fellowship and Warden; Faculty of Clinical Oncology, Dr R.D. Hunter (Manchester); Editor, Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Dr R.H. Reznek (London); Editor, Faculty of Clinical Oncology, Dr W.G. Jones (Leeds).

Lecture

Royal College of Radiologists
Dr C.D.R. Flower delivered the George Simon Lecture at the annual scientific meeting of the Royal College of Radiologists held yesterday at the University of East Anglia.

Boxgrove School

To remember the closure of the school, 30 years ago, there will be a cocktail party, by kind permission of the Lord Mayor of London, in the Mansion House on the evening of Friday, November 4, 1994. Old Boxgrovians wanting to know details should ring either Blaker, on 0734-576585 or 0491628-308, or Smithers, on 071-283 3344 or 071-603 0066.

Home-builders go on despite fire

By Kathryn Knight

THE TIMES COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE AWARDS

NEAR the Canal Walk in Peckham, south London, a group of young people aged between 18 and 30 are clearing debris from a paved courtyard. They are working for Consortium Self Build, a project in which nine young unemployed, homeless people are building their own one-bedroom terraced houses on land bought from Southwark Council with funding from the Housing Corporation.

But on August 24 the well-advanced scheme, forming part of a Business in the Community enterprise, was set on fire. Five of the houses were completely gutted; the remaining four suffered extensive structural damage.

Maureen Kennedy, a development worker on the project, says that Consortium is hoping that its insurance will pay for contractual rebuilding of the five gutted houses. However help from Consortium's member companies is needed to help salvage the four others.

"Obviously the self-builders are demoralised, but they are determined to go on. What they need, rather than direct cash funding, is for our member companies to provide skilled labour to help get the scheme off the ground again. The services of carpenters and joiners, together with equipment and furniture, would be extremely beneficial," Ms Kennedy said.

The nine self-builders, aged between 18 and 30, currently live in hostels in south London, and were recruited for the scheme for their enthusiasm and commitment. The project was originally due to be completed by Christmas, but will now run over into next year. In the meantime the workers will gain NVQs in carpentry and joinery.

As Luke Swanson, Communications manager for Business in the Community explains, "As well as creating a home, they will gain skills which will hopefully help to break the vicious cycle of unemployment and homelessness. What we need now is hands-on assistance so that we can push ahead."

□ *The Consortium Self Build project has been shortlisted for the 1994 Community Enterprise Awards organised by Business in the Community and sponsored by* The Times *and Touche Ross. The winners in the six categories will be announced in November.*

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS:
Francois, Duc de La Rochefoucauld, writer, Paris, 1613; Titus Oates, Protestant plotter, Oakham, 1649; Pierre Fournier, engraver and type founder, Paris, 1712; Jean-Sylvain Bailly, astronomer, 1st mayor of Paris 1789-1791, Paris, 1736; John Campbell, 1st Baron Campbell, Lord Chancellor 1859-61, Cupar, Fife, 1779; James Fenimore Cooper, novelist, Burlington, New Jersey, 1789; Henry Sweet, philologist, London, 1845; Dame Agatha Christie, crime novelist, Torquay, 1891; Jean Renoir, film director, Paris, 1894.

DEATHS:
Albrecht von Wallenstein, soldier and statesman, Herrmanie, Czechoslovakia, 1583; Sir Thomas Overbury, writer, poisoned in the Tower of London, 1613; Sidney Godolphin, 1st Earl of Godolphin, statesman, St Albans, 1712; Isambard Kingdom Brunel, civil engineer, London, 1859; John Speke, explorer, Neston Park, Bath, 1864; William Seward Burroughs, pioneer of adding machines, Cintronella, Alabama, 1898; Thomas Wolfe, novelist, Baltimore, Maryland, 1938; Anton von Webern, composer, Mittersill, Austria, 1945; Erich Mendelsohn, architect, San Francisco, 1953; Willy Messerschmitt, aircraft designer, Munich, 1978.

Today is Battle of Britain Day.

The first fatal railway accident occurred when William Huskisson, MP, was killed at the opening of the Liverpool-Manchester line, 1830.

The Russian Republic was proclaimed with Alexander Kerensky as premier, 1917.

The first robot made in England was demonstrated at the Model Engineering exhibition in London by its inventors Captain Rickards and A.H. Renfell, 1928.

Dinner

World Renewable Energy Congress
The Ambassador of Bahrain was the guest of honour at a dinner of the World Renewable Energy Congress held last night at Reading University. Professor Ali Sayigh, congress chairman, was the host. Gold medals given by the Amir of Bahrain were presented by the ambassador to:
Dr Adnan Badran, Deputy Director-General and Assistant Director-General for Science, Unesco; Professor Yoshihiro Hamakawa, Director of the Institute for Extreme Materials at Osaka University, Japan; Dr Larry Kazmerski, Principal Scientist and Branch Manager, Measurements and Characterisation Branch, United States National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Colorado; Dr Ian Mays, Director and General Manager of Renewable Energy Systems, UK; Professor Brian Norton, Professor of Built-Environment Engineering at Ulster University; and Professor Sayigh.

Meeting

"Not Forgotten" Association
Major-General Sir Christopher Airy presided at the annual meeting of the "Not Forgotten" Association held yesterday at 1 Grosvenor Crescent. Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, senior president, was present.

Chartered Architects

The following have been installed officers of the Company of Chartered Architects for the ensuing year: Master, Professor J.M. Welbank; Upper Warden, Mr B.J. Snow; Renter Warden, Mr D.J. Cole-Adams; Junior Warden, Mrs S.M. Reid.

Latest wills

Lady Gladys Nellie Russon, of Barmouth, Gwynedd, left estate valued at £2,900,505 net.



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To obey God is better than sacrifice, and to listen to him better than the fat of rams.
1 Samuel 15:22 (REB)

BIRTHS

BAILEY - On 1st September, to Diana (née Hughes) and William, a son, Charles William (a playmate for Bodi).

BARBER - On 6th September at St Helier's Hospital, to Helen Maria Dickins and John Ashley Barber, a son, James William Barber.

CARR - To Susie (née Durrant) and Geoffrey, at The Portland Hospital on 10th September, a beautiful daughter, Arabella Olive Scott, a sister for William and Alistair.

COLLIER - On September 14th at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, to Vivienne (née Vartanian) and Roger, a son, Alexander, a brother for Elizabeth.

DRAKE - On 13th September, to Kirsty (née Walker) and Paul, two daughters, Imogen Eve and Emily Margaret.

GAZE - On September 12th 1994 at 4.00 and 4.02 pm at The Royal Hampshire County Hospital Winchester, to Letty and Christian, two sons, Caspar and Milo.

GRAHAM-CAMPBELL - On 13th September in Dumfries, to Joanna (née Butcher) and Charles, a daughter, Isabella Kate.

GREENWOOD - On 13th September, to Carina and James, a daughter, Isla Richenda.

GREIG - On September 7th, to Tracy Victoria (née Foreman) and Ben, a son, Oscar Jack.

HADJIPATERAS - On September 9th at the Wellington Hospital, to Kalliopi and Harry, a son, Constantine.

HOARE - On September 11th 1994, to Clare (née Lawrence) and Dominick, a son, James Douglas William.

HUTCHINGS - On September 11th, at home, to Alice and James, a son, Benjamin James Napier.

JONES - On August 6th, to Rachel (née Hammond) and Philip, a daughter, Geraldine, a sister for Jessica.

KITCHEN - On Wednesday September 7th, to Carron and Hugo, a beautiful daughter, Frederica Emily.

LLEWELLEN PALMER - On September 13th at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, to Alexandra and Julian, a daughter, Marina.

MANNING - On September 11th 1994 at the Q.E.2. Hospital, Welwyn Garden City, to Elaine (née Foster) and Richard, a second beautiful daughter, Olivia Jasmine Grace.

PACKE-DRURY-LOWE - On September 10th 1994, to Samantha and Edward, a son, George Thomas.

READE - On September 12th 1994 at Ayrshire Central Hospital, to Jane (née Brewer) and Patrick, a beautiful son, Kieran Patrick, 6lbs 14oz at 15.55 hours.

STRAKER - On September 11th 1994, to Kate (née Murray-Philipson) and Nick, a daughter.

SYMINGTON - On September 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline (née Doughty) and William, a daughter, Alice Victoria, a sister for Emily, Annabel and Philippa.

THOMPSON - On August 11th, to Sue (née Waddington) and Gary, a son Simon James Alexander, a brother for Stuart.

TODD - On 6th August 1994, to Carol and Garry, a long awaited and much loved daughter, Eve Olivia.

VOUTE - On September 11th, to Pamela and Edward, a daughter, Jacqueline, a sister for Nicole.

WALLER - On September 14th, to Jan Colley and Martin Waller, a fine daughter, Eve Charlotte Grace, a sister and cousin to Alice and Harriet - always in our hearts.

WATHAN - On September 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Susannah (née Ulrich) and James, a beautiful daughter, Georgia Alexandra.

DEATHS

ATKIN - On 11th September 1994, suddenly at home, Cecil Duchesne, aged 85 years, of Haywards Heath, Sussex. Beloved husband of the late Jessie and father of Tony and Edna. Funeral Service to be held at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Monday 19th September at 11.45 am (Memorial Chapel). All enquiries and flowers may be sent c/o Masters and Son, 4 Denmans Lane, Lindfield, West Sussex. (0444) 482107.

BAKER - Suddenly on September 11th, Colin Frederick, aged 77. Dearly loved husband of Audrey, father of Janet, Roger, Jonathan and Paul and loving grandfather of Victoria, Robert, Peter, Sarah, Katherine, Lucy, Emily and Phillipa. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Friday 16th September at 11.45 am (West Chapel). Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Cancer Research c/o T.A. Ellement & Son Ltd., 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, Middx., HA5 3HR.

CROSSLEY - On 14th September, peacefully, at Halifax General Hospital, after a sudden but mercifully brief illness, Charles Graham, aged 70, beloved husband of Mary and father of Crispin and Anthony. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at Halifax Parish Church on Wednesday 21st September at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Halifax Civic Trust c/o Herbert Morris, 7 Trinity Place, Halifax HX1 2BD.

CROZIER - On 7th September, in France, Eric John Crozier O.B.E. A Service of Blessing and Thanksgiving will be held privately and details of a Memorial Concert will be announced later. Donations, if wished, to the British Heart Foundation.

FLEMINGTON - On 13th September 1994, Roger Flemington, F.C.I.B., of Buckland, Surrey. Most beloved husband of Rosemary and brother of Julie and Elizabeth. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary the Virgin Church, Buckland, on Thursday 22nd September at 3 pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, for Cancer Research Campaign may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

GREEN - See Kasmir.

GROVES - On September 13th, peacefully at home after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity, Marion (née Russell), much loved wife of Peter. The funeral service will be held at Mortlake Crematorium on Tuesday 20th September at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Acknowledgements Dept., 61 Lincolns Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX, tel: (071) 242-0200.

HAGGARTY - Joanna Mary (Dr. J.M. Ward F.R.C.P.), beloved wife of John Haggarty and mother of Ben and Sam, died peacefully on 13th September at home after a lengthy and painful illness which she endured with great fortitude. Funeral at St Leonard's Church, South Stoke, nr. Arundel, Sussex, on Friday 16th September at 4 pm.

HAMERSLEY - On September 11th 1994, Dr. Hugh Alan Noel (Nick) M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Group Captain Retd. Suddenly but peacefully while on holiday in Scotland. Beloved husband of the late Audrey (née Dixon), loving and most dearly loved father of Sue, Nickie, Hugh and Julie, dearest grandpa to all his grandchildren. A wonderful man who will be forever missed by his family and all who knew him. Funeral Service at Glynn Valley Crematorium, Bodmin, Cornwall, on Wednesday September 21st at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations in lieu, if desired, to MacMillan Nursing Fund.

HAMMOND-TURNER - On 12th September 1994 in hospital, Patrick Arnold aged 55 years. Much loved husband of Jan and father of Joel and Nicky. Donations for Sight Savers, may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

HEIGHAM - On 13th September, Thomas Cavendish, T.D., loved and loving husband, father and grandfather. Private funeral. If desired, donations to St Nicholas' Hospice, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 2QY.

HUNT - On September 13th, peacefully, at the Check House Nursing Home, Seaton, Nora Kathleen, aged 89, widow of Frank Lawrence Hunt of Colyford, Devon and formerly of Chelmsford, Essex. Funeral private.

HURST - On September 13th 1994 after an illness endured with faith and courage, Joe, beloved husband of Rosemary, father of Victoria and Charles and grandfather of Mark and Adam. Funeral Mass at Christ Church, Willaston, South Wirral, on Monday 19th September at 11.30 am followed by interment in the churchyard. No flowers please by request but if desired donations may be sent to McMillan Nurses Fund, Mersey Region, Room 3/4, Warwick Hospital, Warrington, WA2 8RR.

KASMIR - Miriam, wife of the late Harold Kasmir and widow of Sam Green. Deeply mourned by her sons Martin, Peter and Alan, her daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

MORSON - On September 12th, The Reverend Prebendary John Basil Morson M.C., OBE., T.D., aged 83 years, of Shrewsbury, beloved husband of Dorothy. Requiem Mass at St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, on Wednesday 21st September at 11 am, followed by interment at Lee Brockhurst Church. No flowers. Donations to St Chad's.

MURDOCH - Robin, T.D., M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G., of Carrick Arden, Rhu, peacefully on 13th September 1994. Adored husband of Nora; loving father of Bob and Tony and the late Ian Bowman; loving grandfather. Funeral Service at Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnottar, on Friday 16th September at 2.30 pm. Donations to The Salvation Army; family flowers only.

NIELD - On September 13th in hospital, Sir William Nield GCMG, KCB, in his 81st year. Much loved husband of the late Gwyneth, father of Michael, Alison, Henry and Catie and grandfather of Rosie, Fabiola, Thomas, Amanda and James. Funeral on Wednesday 21st September at 12.30 pm at The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Flowers (or donations to Haematology Trust Fund, Stoke Mandeville Hospital) and enquiries to Cooks Funeral Service, 72 Broad Street, Chesham, Bucks. tel: (0494) 791359. Memorial Service to be arranged later.

PEDDER - On September 13th at The Dower House, Headbourne Worthy, peacefully in her 90th year, after a short illness, Maisie (Claudine Blanche Mayson), widow of John Pedder, dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Kingsworthy, nr. Winchester, on Friday September 23rd at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Jno. Steel & Son, (0962) 844044.

POOLE - On 9th September 1994, suddenly, Michael. Much loved husband and father. Service takes place at Eastbourne Crematorium on Monday 19th September at 4pm. Family flowers only but donations if wished to St George's Transplant Fund c/o Heathfield Funeral Service, Heathfield, tel: (0435) 862648.

TICKNER - On September 9th 1994, peacefully in Bromley Hospital, Barrie Victor Tickner, aged 54 years, much loved husband of Anne and father of James. Funeral Service at South London Crematorium, Rowan Road, Streatham, at 3 pm Wednesday 21st September. Flowers to Francis Chappell & Sons, (0689) 876116.

WALL - Henry Edward (Teddy), formerly of Bishop's Stortford College. Devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and teacher, at home, on September 10th 1994, aged 91. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Wistanstow, Craven Arms, Shropshire, at noon on September 23rd. No flowers please. Donations to Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind c/o A & L Dickinson Funeral Directors, Corvedale Road, Craven Arms, Shropshire SY7 9NQ, tel: (0588) 673250.

WEHAGE - Hanna, on 12th September peacefully in London. Mourned by family and friends. Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel, Monday 19th September, 12 noon.

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LUXMOORE-MAY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mr Paul Luxmoore-May will take place on Thursday 6th October 1994 at 2.30 pm at Dunsfold Church, Dunsfold, nr. Godalming, Surrey.

NURSAW - All welcome at a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of William George (1903-1994) will be held at the City Temple, Holborn Viaduct, at 5.30 pm on Thursday 29th September.

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SILLETT - Frederick Thomas - Priest. In perpetual and loving memory of a faithful priest and a devoted husband and father who entered into the joy of his Lord, 18th September 1969.

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OBITUARIES

GEORGE BOON

George Boon, former senior keeper and curator at the National Museum of Wales, died on August 31 aged 66. He was born on September 20, 1927.



GEORGE BOON was not only an archaeologist of international standing but was one of Britain's leading authorities on old coins.

He first established his reputation in the 1950s, when, working in the archaeology department of Reading Museum, he catalogued the rich collection of artefacts from Silchester, he excavated Roman settlement in Hampshire. Most of these had been languishing in the museum since being discovered at the end of the last century, awaiting someone with Boon's enterprise and scholarship to work through them. His wide-ranging expertise on Roman Britain is thought to have derived from this early, comprehensive experience, and became his great strength.

Later, while working in Cardiff, he discovered the bath-house at Caerleon, the fort in Gwent which was the headquarters of the Roman Second Legion — one of three legions permanently stationed in this country until about the end of the 3rd century. He will also be remembered in Wales for his work on the Mithras temple near Caernarvon.

In recent years, however, Boon's interest in numismatics, which for most of his career ran in tandem with his archaeology, came to the fore. Here, too, the extent of his learning was breathtaking. It spread forward from Roman Britain into the Middle Ages, then through the Tudors and Stuarts to the early Hanoverians.

He became an authority on tokens, produced on a regional basis in the 17th century for use as small change, and researched the Aberystwyth Mint which used silver mines in Wales to produce coins for the Royalists in the Civil War.

But some of his most valuable work was on the hoard of coins found at Coed-y-Wenallt. Enthusiasts with metal detectors dug up more than a hundred medieval coins from a spur of Caerphilly mountain outside Cardiff and took them along to Boon at the National Museum. It was through his patient examination of the hoard that he was able to reveal the existence of a Swansea Mint, which was making coins during that earlier civil war during the reign of King Stephen in the 12th century.

Boon's interest in the past was almost lifelong. Born George Counsell Boon, the son of a Poor Law officer in Bristol, he had gone from a local grammar school to Bristol University to read Latin. Uninterested in politics or sport, he spent much of his spare time as a student going on "digs" — chiefly that on the site of a Roman villa at nearby King's Weston. Then, for a change, he would join a Speleological Society expedition — which had archaeological dimensions.

He joined Reading Museum and Art Gallery as an archaeological assistant in 1950, becoming an assistant keeper six years later. He moved to Cardiff as keeper of archaeology and numismatics (the "numismatics" was a personal addition) in 1976.

In 1987 he was promoted senior keeper and curator, which gave him administrative responsibility for the museum's main building in Cathays Park, Cardiff. But after two years Boon, then aged 62, took early retirement to concentrate on his private writings and research. The museum made him an honorary research associate which enabled him to continue using its facilities for his work.

His literary output was prodigious, including 200 books, articles and monographs. These comprised *Roman Silchester*, first published in 1957, works on Caerleon, the silver mines of Cardiganshire and the Aberystwyth Mint as well as a work called *Welsh Hoards* which covered his work on Coed-y-Wenallt.

His approach was always that of the historian. He was at his best, not at the workface, scraping away the detritus of the years with a hand trowel, but in his library or study, analysing and cataloguing what had been found.

As a numismatist his interest in coins lay, similarly, not so much in the coins themselves as in their significance as evidence of history. He carried out the most painstaking research in order to identify them and place them in their proper context.

Boon could often seem gruff and impatient. But when he recognised genuine talent and serious interest, he responded by being an attentive guide and mentor, carefully nurturing the brightest and best from the next generation. He was generous with his knowledge, sharing his own findings and experience in the overall interest of research — a trait not always to be found in academia.

A formal, well-groomed man who dressed impeccably and wrote long letters, sprinkled with *bons mots* in copperplate script, he described himself in *Who's Who* as "unclubbable".

But he actively participated in academic gatherings and took great pleasure from them. He was a vice-president of the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies and, at one time, of the Society of Antiquaries — which even held a special conference to celebrate Boon's 65th birthday.

His reputation was international; he was particularly esteemed in Germany where he was elected a corresponding member of the German Archaeological Institute.

George Boon continued to work almost until the end, when illness finally overtook him. Several papers are due to be published posthumously.

He also read Latin texts for pleasure throughout his life, often in conjunction with his wife Diana, a classicist herself, whom he met on the Silchester "dig". She survives him, together with their two sons and one daughter.

JAMES AUBREY

James Aubrey, American film and television executive, died in Los Angeles on September 3 aged 75. He was born in La Salle, Illinois, on December 14, 1918.



JAMES AUBREY was known as "the Smiling Cobra", and it was not a term of endearment. Over a period of 14 years, during which he was successively president of CBS Television and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, he established a reputation as a ruthless cost-cutter. But he also had an unfailing instinct for popular public taste, and his five-year tenure at CBS made it the most profitable television network in America.

A graduate of Princeton, James Thomas Aubrey volunteered for the US Army Air Force during the Second World War, becoming a test pilot and achieving the rank of major before his discharge in 1945. He then moved to Los Angeles where, like his father before him, he entered the advertising industry and worked as an account executive for two CBS affiliates on the West Coast.

But Aubrey's real talent proved to be in programming, and in 1956 he was hired by the rival ABC network to take charge of programmes. The result was a number of successful series, including *Maverick*, *77 Sunset Strip* and *The Rifleman*, which combined to raise ABC within competitive range of NBC and CBS for the first time.

Two years later he was back with CBS as vice-president in charge of creative services, and in 1959, when its then president, Louis Cowan, resigned in the wake of a scandal involving rigged quiz shows, Aubrey was named as his successor. He immediately set about producing a series of low-brow comedy and adventure-melodrama programmes, including *The Munsters*, *The Beverley Hillbillies* and *Route 66* which proved enormously popular. In 1963-64 CBS dominated the airwaves with nine out of the top ten television shows and profits that had doubled from $25 million to almost $50 million.

However, Aubrey had made few friends on his road to the top. His habit of bruising egos by curt dismissals made him a legion of enemies. He was described as "imperious," "arrogant" and "ruthless". There was also a great deal of bizarre gossip about his night life as an alleged "swinging" jet-setter. In February 1965, without any given reason, he was summarily dismissed by William S. Paley, the chairman of the CBS board.

Enriched by his CBS stock options, Aubrey spent much of the next four years travelling and relaxing. But in 1969 he was appointed president of the ailing MGM studio by its new owner, Kirk Kerkorian. Aubrey promptly put a ceiling of $2 million on the cost of the studio's productions, cut the number of company personnel in half, and let big-name producers, directors and stars know that they could either accept more realistic salaries or be gone. He also sold a great deal of the company's property and auctioned-off a 46-year accumulation of props, including Clark Gable's raincoat and Judy Garland's dancing shoes from *The Wizard of Oz*.

Within a year MGM was back in the black but the artistic results were questionable: although Aubrey made inexpensive films, the results were almost uniformly indifferent. Producers and directors were infuriated by Aubrey's practice of cutting any scenes that might lead to their films being given a "restricted" rating. Some asked that their names be withdrawn from the credits, one sued for breach of contract and another tried to get his film withdrawn from circulation. To the surprise of the film world, Aubrey resigned as MGM president in 1973, effectively ending his career in the entertainment business.

His only marriage ended in divorce in 1963, and he is survived by one son and one daughter.

RICHARD COURAGE

Richard Courage, DL, JP, brewer and businessman, died on September 5 aged 79. He was born on January 23, 1915.



THE last member of the famous brewing family to serve on the board of directors of the company, Richard Courage was its chairman from 1959 to 1975.

The Courage Brewery had been founded in London in 1787 by John Courage, a Scot from Aberdeen, and during Richard Courage's term as chairman it was the fifth largest brewery business in the country. It had nearly 10 per cent of the beer market and 6,000 public houses, 38 hotels and a wine and spirit retail division. By the early 1970s, breweries were merging and diversifying, however, and the need to broaden the company's trading base had become pressing. As chairman, Richard Courage was heavily involved in the negotiations leading up to the company's acquisition by the Imperial Group in 1972.

He was much admired not only for his courtesy and integrity but also for his personal fortitude, having suffered a number of family tragedies during his life.

Richard Hubert Courage was the great-great-grandson of the founder of the brewing business and it was natural that he should join the firm as a young man. Educated at Eton, he entered the business world to learn the basics from the ground floor as a trainee with the London North Eastern Railway in Doncaster.

In common with most of his generation, his career was interrupted by the Second World War. He joined the Northamptonshire Yeomanry and saw action on the beaches of Normandy, being mentioned in dispatches after particularly fierce action at Falaise Gap. He emerged with the rank of major but, modestly, did not like to talk much about his wartime experiences.

During the war he married Jean, daughter of Sir Charles Watson. Shortly after the war, his father retired from the business and this was a signal for him to follow in the family line. He joined the brewery and his first management appointment was at the Windsor office on New Year's Day in 1947. After a number of roles during the next 18 months, he was invited to take a seat on the board in 1948.

He became chairman in 1959 and continued until 1975. He saw the firm merge with Barclay Perkins in 1960, and its acquisition of many other breweries, including John Smith's of Tadcaster.

In 1972 Courage was taken over by the Imperial Group, on whose board he served for a further three years. He was a quiet man but an honest and earnest executive whose concern was always to be fair and to achieve the best for the company, its staff and its customers. He became a director of the Norwich Union insurance group after leaving the brewery and served on its London advisory board for 16 years.

In June 1970 his eldest son, Piers, one of Britain's top Grand Prix drivers, was killed at the wheel of his racing car. His father bore the loss with stoicism but he was to suffer a further severe blow in 1977 when his wife died, also in a tragic accident.

For over thirty years he served his community as a Justice of the Peace and was made a Deputy Lieutenant of Essex in 1977. He was a member of the governing body of Brentwood School and became its chairman in 1976. He was always willing to listen and learn the ins-and-outs of the educational world and it was said that he had the knack of knowing good advice when he heard it. Although he ruled with a kind and gentle hand, under his guidance the school expanded and prospered. He was instrumental in securing the move from its being a direct grant school to its current independent status. He also supervised the building of the school's sports centre, Courage Hall.

Another example of his public-spiritedness and concern for young people was his donation, with his brother, of the ground for the sports field near St Mary's Church, Shenfield, which bears the family name.

He loved the outdoors and was a very good shot, running a syndicate on Lord Rayleigh's estate for many years. He had a similar love for the sea and would spend long periods sailing in the Mediterranean. Courage was not a born public speaker but he was able, by dint of his transparent honesty and charm, to speak effectively. He is survived by his second wife, Phyllida (née Derouet), and his two sons.

DAME FRANCES CLODE

Dame Frances Clode, DBE, chairman of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, 1971-74, died in Malvern on September 10 aged 91. She was born on August 12, 1903.

FRANCES CLODE devoted most of her long life to the Women's Royal Voluntary Service. During her three years as chairman starting in 1971 she was instrumental in initiating changes which had become necessary in a service that had first been established by Stella Lady Reading in 1938.

In the intervening 33 years the WVS had become an invaluable national network — aiding government departments, local authorities and other voluntary bodies in organising and carrying out welfare and emergency work, including non-medical work for the elderly, the handicapped and the ill.

Frances Clode knew the organisation from the inside and recognised the need for new blood and fresh ways of doing things if the service was to adapt to modern-day requirements. She limited herself to a three-year term as chairman and handed over to her successor an organisation that showed it could change and progress.

Born Emma Frances Heather Marc, she was raised at the family home, Champneys, near Tring (later to become the health farm), where she was educated by governesses. She lived at Champneys, which was leased from the Rothschilds, until her father's death in 1923. In 1927 she married Charles Clode, then a captain in the Royal Norfolk Regiment, who during his army career rose to the rank of colonel.

Frances Clode's lasting commitment to voluntary service began while she and her husband were stationed in India. Back in England at the outbreak of the Second World War, she at once looked for a job to help the war effort and started by helping to make pyjamas for the local hospital.



On joining the WVS she organised canteen services for the armed forces and emergency services in Cambridgeshire.

In 1945 she was called to the WVS London headquarters by Lady Reading to assist in civil defence programmes and to care for the victims of air raids. Soon after that, she became involved in WVS liaison with affiliated organisations.

In 1967 she became vice-chairman to the WVS founder, at this time the Dowager Marchioness of Reading, and in 1971 succeeded her as chairman of what had become the Women's Royal Voluntary Service.

Frances Clode had a particular talent for dealing with both major crises and small personal problems and also for putting into effect new programmes of social care to meet the changing problems of the day.

Her manner was completely unaffected and natural and her aim was always to facilitate and support improvement. Anyone who wanted to know how to tackle a problem went to her. She listened and she always gave wise and helpful advice on how to get things done. She was held in great affection at all levels of the service.

When she retired in 1974 she went to live in Pershore, Worcestershire, to be near her son and family. She continued to work for the WRVS as an ordinary member, washing up dishes in her local luncheon club for "old people," a good deal younger than herself. A committed member of the Church of England all her life, she enjoyed taking part in the services and fundraising activities of Pershore Abbey, and worked also to secure the future of the local cottage hospital.

Her unselfish commitment to voluntary service was recognised by her unusual progression up the Order of the British Empire. She was appointed MBE in 1951, advanced to OBE in 1955 and to CBE in 1969, and finally created DBE in 1974.

Her husband died in 1948. Her son survives her.

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THE PRESERVATION OF COUNTRY FOOTPATHS

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT)

Side by side with the decided decrease in late years of encroachments on commons—due partly to legislation and partly to the force of public opinion—there has been noticeable a widespread appreciation of the value of preserving public footpaths and rights of way. Our country footpaths, formerly necessary as "ways of convenience" from village to village, lost that character, to some extent, with the development of road making and with the building up, at a later stage, of the railway system of the country. The roads and the railways remain, but the public use of the former has been considerably hampered by the advent of the motor-car. Nowadays a narrow country road is to be avoided, if one is to be free from the danger of personal injury. This is why people are beginning anew to realize the importance of the footpath. It is recognized that the footpath, generally far pleasanter and more picturesque than the high road, is now also an infinitely safer place.

Proof of the growing popularity of country footpaths is seen in the jealous care with which villagers and residents generally detect and frustrate any attempts at obstruction—the first step in the process of filching a footpath. The Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society, which has done so much in the last 40 years to prevent encroachments on public rights, has just had an interesting experience of this zealous watchfulness. In a letter to *The Times* on August 24 the society appealed to holidaymakers and dwellers in the country districts who had any knowledge of obstructions of rights of way or enclosures of common lands to report to the society. In the three weeks that have since elapsed more than 200 complaints have been received. From the following examples of the matters that have been brought to the society's notice it will be seen that the complaints come from a wide area.

BUCKS.—The public are denied access to a hill, which was formerly a "favourite picnic resort" and is said to have been for fully 30 years

ON THIS DAY

September 15 1908

A letter to The Times *in the summer of 1908 from the Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society, founded forty years earlier, asking for news of rights of way being obstructed or of common lands being enclosed produced more than 200 complaints.*

CARDIGAN.—Footpath to a "nice little trout stream" at Aberporth stopped, and an open space alongside the highway enclosed. The place is "pestered with land grabbers" according to an indignant correspondent.

CARMARTHEN.—Road used by the public at Llansadurnen closed for carts and cattle, while stiles and barbed wire make it difficult for foot passengers.

ESSEX.—Footpath leading to hill near Rayleigh closed by locked gates and barbed wire. There has been a right of way as long as the "oldest inhabitants" can remember.

HUNTS.—Path near St. Ives, which is marked as public in the parish award map and in the Ordnance Survey, ploughed up by a farmer.

LANCASHIRE.—Enclosures made on a common near Ulverston, and public footpath obliterated. The latter is said to be likely to be lost if not revived.

MIDDLESEX.—Diversion of a path at Edgeware.

SUFFOLK.—Proposed diversion of a road at East Bergholt.

WILTSHIRE.—Attempts in the Chippenham district to block up pathways by stakes, brambles &c., as well as by notices that "trespassers will be prosecuted." Encroachments also on the grazing land by the roadside.

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Female view

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Italian skiing has doubled its market share. New destinations include Bardonecchia, Madesimo, Cavalese, Campitello and San Sicario

Ski industry banks on Italy

Which will be this year's top resorts? **Graham Duffill** looks through the offers in the ski brochures

Last winter the ski industry was talking excitedly about Italy — this year everyone is selling it. Devaluation always has hit Austria and Switzerland hard as both currencies remained strong against the weakening pound.

Switzerland suffered heavy falls and, after a brush with the popular market, Swiss skiing seems to be becoming exclusive again.

Tour operators are confident that those with money will still go to Switzerland: The Ski Company is adding Klosters; Kuoni has added the resorts of Saas Fee, Villars, Grindelwald and Arosa to this season's brochures.

Austria remained the top destination for British skiers last season, despite several winters of France breathing down its neck and predictions of an imminent take-over.

Austria's market share fell from only 36 per cent to 33 per cent but tour operators in the cheaper end of the market were down by as much as 15 per cent. Thomson, who release the second edition of their brochure today, has cut back its Austrian programme this year. Others spent last winter banging Austrian hoteliers' heads together to extract prices clients can afford to pay this winter. Most are boasting of their success.

France may have to wait another year, retaining a 30 per cent market share, but this winter it is only a tunnel's drive away.

The large tour operators have done litle to anticipate self-drive but then most of them are part of conglomerates that own airlines. The reason many have a ski programme at all is to find a use for their planes in the winter months.

America is widely represented through the brochures and sold well last year, totalling 30,000 skiers or 4.3 per cent of the market. The mass-market operator Crystal attributed its 6 per cent rise partly to America doing so well and this year features no less than 15 resorts, adding Stowe and Vail.

Several of the chalet operators are expanding their American skiing this year. The Ski Company has added a chalet in Vail, Supertravel includes Steamboat Springs and Bladon Lines is entering North America with Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Then there is Italy, up from about 8 per cent of market share to 16 per cent and rising.

Last season the slopes were full of British voices in the old favourite resorts like Courmayeur, Cortina and Sauze d'Oulx.

Most of the mass-market operators virtually sold out their Italian programmes at full brochure price and are expanding considerably this year. Crystal adds Bardonecchia and La Thuile, Thomson adds Madesimo, Cavalese and Campitello and Neilson has added San Sicario and claims to be the biggest operator in Italy's Milky Way.

As the ski market was down overall by around 10 per cent last year and has been on the wane since 1989, the rediscovery of Italy could be the best thing that has happened to British skiing in the past ten years.

Winter sun bid by Ibiza

A DIRECT weekly flight to Ibiza from Gatwick from October 8 will bring the island into the winter sun market for the first time, *John Harrison writes.*

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Even in February, the coolest month, the temperature averages 53F and often rises to the mid-60s, with winter visitors expected to find the climate ideal for walking or playing golf. The island's course near Cala Llonga has recently been extended from nine holes to 18.

Return flights will cost £99 rising to £179 over the Christmas period, in economy class. There will also be a business-standard service at £249. Flights are scheduled to leave Gatwick at 14.15 on Saturdays and Ibiza at 18.20.

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As British Airways pampers its business clients and pushes up the cost of Club Europe, the question is . . .

How do you put a price on snobbery?

Europe's business travellers are pampered snobs who will happily pay through the nose to travel even short distances — provided they are made to feel special while doing so.

That is the theory behind British Airways' decision to spend £70 million in upgrading Club Europe. It is gambling on its conviction that BA business passengers prefer pampering to price cuts.

By offering champagne blended specially to taste good at 30,000ft, wider seats, more lounges, chauffeur cars and "fast track" queue-beating facilities at passport and security checks, the airline believes it will persuade status-conscious passengers to switch to BA from other European rivals.

About 25 per cent of all British Airways seats on aircraft flying around Europe are filled by business-class passengers, and the new drive is designed to push this up to at least 35 per cent.

For British Airways, which struggles to make a profit on its European network even with a £600 million annual turnover, the potential rewards are high. The cheapest BA return ticket between Heathrow and Paris now costs £59, while the standard club class return is £318.

Research, says BA, proves that European passengers like to feel superior to those in economy class and are more concerned about status than price. It is a view entirely at odds with that of short-haul carriers in the United States. There, even the biggest airlines have been forced to accept that price is now paramount.

United Airlines, for example, is introducing a new, no-frills shuttle service on flights throughout the US. It has recognised that brash new competitors are eating into its market share at an alarming rate as passengers demand the very lowest price.

Dozens of small, low-cost airlines started up in America as recession resulted in hundreds of aircraft being "mothballed" in the Arizona desert. By ignoring large "hub" airports and flying point-to-point with crews made redundant by the big carriers (and who were prepared to fly for a fraction of their former salaries), the newcomers were able to beat their big rivals on the one thing that mattered — price. "The world has now fundamentally changed and very low, no-frills fares are here to stay," said a senior official of one big American airline.



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Europe's airlines do not see it in the same way. All are determined to increase yield — the average amount paid for a seat. And that means charging more, not less, wherever they can.

At the same time they are coming under pressure from the big business-travel agencies, which now have convinced virtually all large companies to keep a tight rein on their travel budgets. American Express, for example, which this week took over Thomas Cook travel management, is now so powerful that it can force even the biggest airlines to give significant discounts.

The Association of European Airlines says that last year only 29 per cent of all passengers carried by their 24 members paid full fare. The remaining 71 per cent, whether flying in economy or in business class, had some kind of discount. Current trends indicate that by the turn of the century nobody will pay the full quoted fare.

European research, however, supports BA's contention that image, status and pride is just as important as cost. "If you travel on business, you want other passengers to know that," says Karl-Heinz Neumeister, secretary-general of the Association of European Airlines. "To be on business, means that you sit on one side of a curtain and drink champagne, surrounded by people who are your equals."

Despite the doubters, BA remains convinced that it has got the argument about fares right. The question remains, however: would you want to pay five times more than you need, just to feel important?

Euro train aims to beat airlines

Business travellers are in for a pleasant surprise when the Eurostar service begins, says **Philip Beresford**

Rail travel to Europe should make a huge leap in comfort, reliability and excitement in the next few weeks when the full Eurostar service linking London to Paris and Brussels via the Channel Tunnel is launched.

After four months of train strikes, hard-pressed commuters may take some convincing that trains can ever be reliable. But even the most jaundiced should be impressed by the new £134 million international station at Waterloo. The glass and stainless-steel structure covers five platforms, built more than 400 yards long to serve the 18-carriage Eurostar trains, each of which can carry nearly 800 passengers.

The ambience of the new station and the sleek aerodynamic lines of the trains will promote an image of glamour reminiscent of the Golden Arrow Express. It will also put airlines under pressure in a market that they have virtually monopolised for 40 years.

The trains start with some advantages. As Professor Tony Ridley, head of transport studies at Imperial College, London, puts it, "Flying around Europe is such a horrendous business that people will try anything else, provided it is reliable."

According to European Passenger Services (EPS), which, with the French and Belgian Railways, is managing the Eurostar service, the train journey should be stress-free. The overall travelling time between the city centres is about three hours, the same as the airlines', and Eurostar passengers will spend most of their journey in one seat.

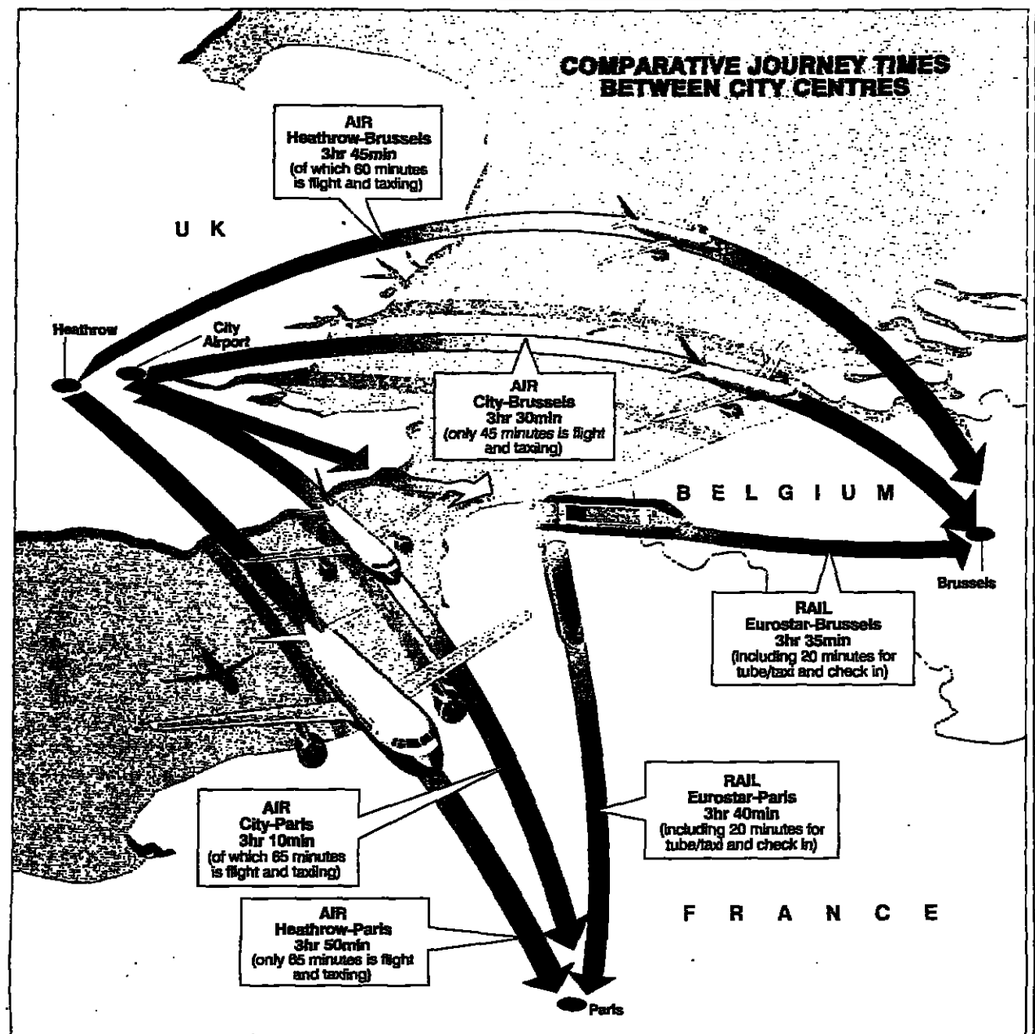
Air traffic congestion and disruption caused by weather are the bane of the air traveller. The Eurostar service is provisionally scheduled to start on October 23, but will not be launched until the signalling strike is over. Nobody needs that kind of own goal.

Eurostar's new suspension should allow a smooth ride, and on the new high-speed line in France Eurostar will be able to hit its 186mph top speed. Even the refurbished line in Kent, which will have to carry Eurostar until the high-speed line is ready at the turn of the century, allows for 100mph.

At Waterloo, EPS is taking on the airlines at their own game. Boarding the Eurostar should prove painless. Some 21 ticket positions will be open at Waterloo International, which can cater for 6,000 passengers an hour. There is an executive lounge at the station. Passport and immigration controls will take place on the train.

On board, the nattily dressed stewards and stewardesses will be bilingual. First-class passengers will have their meals at their seats. There are telephones on board, and the buffets give the impression of space and the feel of a liner.

Ticket pricing will be highly competitive with the airlines. Andy Heslop, EPS's commercial director, says: "Eurostar aims to capture 60 per cent of the business travel market between London and Paris and London and Brussels." Within three years, Mr Heslop hopes the service will carry 13 million passengers annually. Eurostar will have a daily total of 12,000 seats between London and the two continental capitals. There are currently 7,500 airline seats on the London to Paris run alone.



Source: *Intercity Magazine*

Gatwick hits the magic 100,000

More than 100,000 passengers used Gatwick airport on each of two consecutive days this month, evidence that the West Sussex airport is increasingly popular with air travellers, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

On September 3, 100,146 passengers passed through the two terminals — the first time the airport has ever handled more than 100,000 on one day. *A day later the figure* rose to 102,099. Both days smashed the previous record of 98,647 set on September 2, 1989.

Garwick is now aiming to cash in on its growing popularity with a series of road shows in Scandinavia, Paris and the United States to ensure that its name as London's second airport is better known.

In the financial year 1993-94, 20.2 million people flew from or to Gatwick, compared with just over 18.6 million in 1991-92. Passenger numbers were up 7.5 per cent in May compared with the same month last year, and 9.8 per cent higher in June.

Overall, the airports owned and operated by BAA had their busiest month ever in August, when they handled a total of 9.2 million passengers, a 6.4 per cent increase on the same month last year.

Beware the duty-free throw-away camera



TRAVELLERS should check high-street prices before buying duty-free goods, *Robin Young writes.* The French consumers' organisation UFC-Que Choisir has compared prices in Europe for 150 consumer goods traditionally popular with duty-free shoppers. The survey revealed that tobacco products were on average two-thirds dearer in high-street shops than duty-free, spirits more than half as expensive and perfumes a quarter dearer. But disposable cameras and films were often more expensive in duty-free shops than in town. There were also big price differences between duty-free outlets.

Milan, Athens and Madrid offered the best deals in spirits. Madrid, Lisbon and Athens had the cheapest cigarettes. Dublin, Amsterdam and London were least expensive for CDs, and Dublin, Athens and Milan offered the cheapest perfumes. London's duty-free shops were found to be the most expensive for both spirits and cigarettes.

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Orly link opens at last

After a three-year delay, the private French airline Air Liberté this week launched the only direct scheduled service linking London Gatwick and Paris Orly (Sud), the two airports with the speediest transport connections to their respective city centres.

"We first received approval for this service three years ago," said Air Liberté's managing director, Lotfi Belhassine, "but the Gulf War and subsequent French resistance to deregulation forced a postponement until now."

Eric Lomas, managing director of Gatwick, said his airport's share of Paris-bound traffic had declined from a quarter to an eighth. "We believe there is a lot of market there to go for," he said.

The airline will be operating up to four MD83 flights a day between Gatwick and Orly, with an introductory fare of £69 economy return until October 29 (£170 thereafter). The line's business-class fare of £192 return includes a free Gatwick Express ticket and a £20 duty-free voucher.

ROBIN YOUNG

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NEWS

Rachel murder case collapses

■ The case against Colin Stagg, accused of murdering Rachel Nickell on Wimbledon Common two years ago, collapsed at the Old Bailey as the judge severely criticised police.

The eight-month undercover police operation involved a woman officer befriending the suspect and trying to lure him into a confession. Mr Justice Ognall said such behaviour betrayed "an excess of zeal" and was a blatant attempt to incriminate a suspect by deceptive conduct .....Page 1, 2, 3

Father pays tribute to police

■ Rachell Nickell's father Andrew said police had tried to keep the peace and protect society. He paid tribute to the bravery of the undercover policewoman who had befriended Colin Stagg. "I am sure the law has been upheld, but where is the justice?" he asked outside the Old Bailey .....Page 1

Major on the IRA

John Major is still not ready to accept that the IRA's cessation of violence is permanent. He will not yet start the countdown to talks with Sinn Fein ..... Page 1

Michelangelo doubts

One of only two pictures attributed to Michelangelo in the National Gallery is not the work of the great 16th-century artist, scholars now say..... Pages 1, 8

Gangway crash

Investigators have begun examining the passenger walkway which collapsed at Ramsgate ferry terminal killing six people and leaving seven others seriously injured ..... Page 5

Dog-collar union

The MSF union for skilled and professional people has launched a section for clergy in response to fears over the future of the "clergy freehold" that guarantees work until retirement..... Page 7

Prison arms

Prison authorities started their second inquiry into security in less than a week after a gun and ammunition were seized at Durham jail ..... Page 9

Troops banned

British troops in Cyprus were banned from the main tourist resorts as police continued to search for the body of the Danish tour guide alleged to have been murdered by soldiers ..... Page 10

Bosnian threat

Western observers say the atmosphere in Bosnia is becoming a foreboding mirror-image of the one that blanketed relations in the area before the Croat-Muslim war..... Page 13

Algerians released

Moves towards a negotiated end to violence in Algeria gathered pace when exiled militants welcomed the government's decision to release two jailed leaders of the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front ..... Page 14

Temperature rises

More than two thirds of Israelis oppose a complete evacuation of the Golan Heights, fueling tension over proposals for peace with Syria..... Page 14

SA arms exports

South Africa hopes to win a £200 million contract to supply 91 helicopters to Britain's defence forces..... Page 14

Crimea remembered

The Duke of Gloucester, representing Britain, attended a service in Balaklava commemorating those who died in the Crimean War ..... Page 14

Haiti invasion near

President Clinton is due to address the nation on his plans for invading Haiti. Troops could be landed as early as next week, despite 70 per cent of Americans opposing armed force..... Page 15

Down-to-Earth warning on comet

■ Machholz-2, a comet discovered last month by an American astronomer, could be on a collision course with Earth. Although Professor Stephen Hawking believes it will ultimately miss, he warns that if it does hit, "it will probably mean the end of the human race". So far five pieces of Machholz-2 have been sighted ..... Page 5



Sir John Hackett, who led British paratroops at Arnhem, unveiling a plaque to fallen Dutch resistance fighters there yesterday

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Boxing: Oliver McCall, who challenges for Lennox Lewis's world heavyweight title at Wembley Arena on Sunday week, walked out of a press conference after being insulted by Lewis's trainer.. Page 48

Golf: Nick Faldo is likely to play more in the United States next year as he is dissatisfied with the condition of some courses in Europe and is concerned about the future of the European Tour .....Page 43

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Bernadette Mooney, accused of trying to smuggle a baby out of *Romania*, told a Bucharest court that she did not know she was breaking the law Page 9



Gordon Wardell, husband of murdered building society manager Carol, condemned press reports of a crime he committed when 17 Page 7



Martin Shillito, a concert manager sacked after a series of orchestral mishaps, has been awarded £11,000 for unfair dismissal Page 10

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Ways to avoid a crisis

■ Big manufacturers are under increasing pressure from environmental laws. Can new types of software help them to avoid Bhopal-style catastrophes?

Why do they do it?

■ Dozens of young musicians have descended on London for a piano competition. A cause for celebration, or for worry that precocious talents are being pushed too hard, too early?

The sweet sound of birdies

■ Clement Freud rises with the lark to watch some of golf's leading players in the Dunhill British Masters

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A policewoman's lot is not always a happy one. *Critical Eye: Service with a Smile?* (Channel 4, 9pm).....Page 47, Radio, Page 26

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Rights and wrath

The answer to Mr Nickell's question—where is the justice?—is that the reputation of the criminal justice system rests on its justice, and that is most tested in the hardest of cases.....Page 19

Light in Algeria

The South African model of a government of national unity offers a worthwhile paradigm, and not just in the short term .....Page 19

A Michelangelo?

The danger comes when the small, tight world of official art refuses even to consider artistically incorrect opinions.....Page 19

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JANET DALEY

The BBC is rightly demanding a judicial review of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission's censure of *Panorama*. This outrageous incident does not just involve editorial interference by an amateurish quango.....Page 18

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

By far the largest illegal industry in the world is drugs. We need to know whether drug profits are going to finance a widespread criminal takeover of respectable businesses, similar to the takeover that has occurred in RussiaPage 18

George Boon, former curator at the National Museum of Wales; **Richard Courage**, brewer; **James Aubrey**, television executive; **Dame Frances Clode**, former chairman of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service .....Page 21

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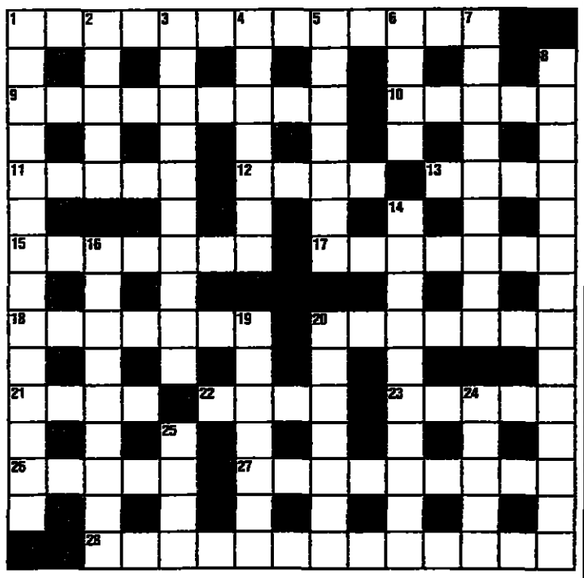
While US troops could quickly seize control [in Haiti], they would be dealing with a political situation at least as polarised as Somalia

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Surely it is intuitively right to assume that women, as bearers of the world's children, are in the best position to slow birth rates

New York Times

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ACROSS

1 Contemporary busy with other people in an Australian pick-up (2,2,3,6).
9 Many a member scheduled to eat his words (5,4).
10 Wife from overseas (5).
11 The Spanish communist retired, having lived a long time (5).
12 I run, being attached to a Club (4).
13 A very abridged book (4).
15 Shock right in the middle of a power cut (7).
17 Stay faithful (7).
18 On the Sabbath, indulge in drink (7).
20 R.A., but, unfortunately, inept R.A. (7).
21 Item rendered by an orchestra (4).
22 Map shows mountain moved round to the north (4).
23 Pot plant (5).
26 Yellowish white and gold seen in climber ... (5).
27 ... white rose developed in a different way (9).
28 Character ideal, right in every detail (6-7).

DOWN

1 Columbines can't flourish in slave quarters (5,4,5).
2 Heard that relatively inexperienced entrants disputed the first five places (5).
3 Where the Ark rested, not originally traceable, now resolved (10).
4 After start of earthquake, ground is moving (7).
5 Woody lost money as a result of fire (7).
6 Language comprehended by dour Dutchman (4).
7 Most of what's left comprises a gallery and a cafe (9).
8 Shedding light on the H.P. process, possibly (14).
14 One who hesitates to follow the master — he's swinging the lead (10).
16 Roadhog's drive in casual fashion — it could be life-threatening (9).
19 Wanted to arrive after you and I left (7).
20 Drink completely responsible for brawl (5-2).
24 Gangster and president are indistinguishable (5).
25 Crew say "Land in Chiswick" (4).

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☐ **E England, Central N, NE England:** cloudy and very windy. Rain, occasionally heavy and persistent. Wind north or northwest, fresh or strong. Chilly. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** cloudy. Rain, becoming heavy at times, but dying out later. Wind north or northwest, moderate or fresh. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England:** showery outbreaks of rain becoming more persistent. Dying out later. Wind northwest, moderate or fresh. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** cloudy with outbreaks of rain later. Very windy. Wind north or northwest, fresh or strong. Chilly. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** sunny periods and scattered showers. Wind north or northeast, moderate or fresh. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain slowly clearing eastern parts tomorrow. Elsewhere sunny intervals and showers. Becoming mainly dry and bright later.

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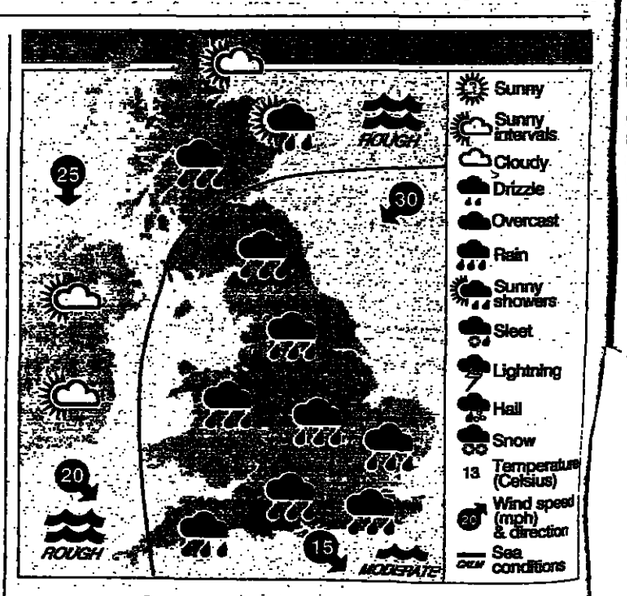
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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.3	0.21	13	55	sh	London	8.3	-	19	66	s
Anglesey	6.9	-	17	63	s	Lowestoft	7.9	-	18	66	s
Aspatria	2.2	0.17	15	59	sh	Manchester	6.5	0.02	18	64	sh
Aviemore	0.2	0.47	9	48	r	Margate	8.7	0.02	19	66	s
Belfast	4.7	-	15	59	b	Minehead	8.7	-	19	66	s
Birmingham	4.7	-	18	64	b	Morecambe	4.6	0.31	17	63	s
Bognor R	9.6	0.02	19	66	s	Newcastle	-	0.17	13	55	r
Bournem'th	7.0	-	19	65	s	Newquay	4.2	0.15	17	63	r
Bristol	7.6	0.02	18	64	s	Norwich	9.3	-	19	66	s
Buxton	7.2	0.35	15	59	s	Nottingham	6.1	-	18	64	s
Cardiff	7.5	0.02	18	64	s	Oxford	8.5	-	18	64	s
Clacton	9.5	-	18	64	s	Penzance	2.7	0.14	16	61	r
Cleethorpes	7.0	0.06	17	63	s	Plymouth	6.1	0.03	17	63	b
Colwyn Bay	7.0	0.09	18	64	s	Poole	5.4	0.03	19	66	b
Cromer	8.3	-	17	63	s	Prestatyn	X	-	17	63	b
Doncaster	1.9	0.06	17	63	c	Ross-o-wye	6.4	-	19	66	s
Dunbar	1.1	0.12	13	55	c	Ryde	X	0.07	17	63	c
Eastbourne	7.1	0.17	18	64	s	Salcombe	8.8	-	17	63	s
Eskdalemuir	0.4	0.17	13	55	c	Sandown	9.0	0.11	19	66	s
Exmouth	5.3	0.01	16	61	s	Saunton Snd	4.5	0.01	19	66	s
Falmouth	X	0.15	17	63	r	Scarboro'	4.7	0.09	15	59	sh
Fishguard	6.3	0.06	17	63	sh	Scilly Isles	7.3	0.19	14	57	sh
Folkestone	9.4	0.02	18	64	s	Shanklin	9.2	0.05	18	64	s
Glasgow	0.2	0.17	14	57	r	Shrewsbury	3.1	0.02	17	63	b
Guernsey	4.6	0.21	18	64	sh	Skegness	7.3	-	17	63	s
Hastings	7.3	0.15	18	64	s	Southend	7.2	-	19	66	s
Hayling I.	7.8	-	18	64	s	Southport	6.9	0.19	17	63	s
Herne Bay	9.0	0.05	19	66	s	Southsea	X	0.01	18	64	s
Hove	5.6	0.19	18	64	sh	Stornoway	8.7	-	11	52	s
Hunstanton	6.2	-	17	63	s	Swanage	7.7	0.06	17	63	s
Isle of Man	7.7	-	15	59	s	Teignmouth	6.1	0.03	17	63	s
Jersey	4.9	0.19	18	64	t	Tenby	5.5	0.08	16	61	b
Kinloss	3.9	0.04	12	54	b	Tiree	0.3	0.02	14	57	c
Leeds	5.0	0.02	17	63	b	Torquay	6.7	-	18	64	s
Lerwick	7.5	0.03	10	50	sh	Tynemouth	1.1	0.39	13	55	c
Leuchars	1.1	0.04	13	55	sh	Ventnor	8.0	0.01	20	68	s
Littlehmptn	9.3	0.02	18	64	s	Weymouth	6.5	0.01	17	63	s
Liverpool	6.3	0.17	17	63	s	These are Tuesday's figures					

ABROAD

Ajaccio	25	77	f	Cyprus	16	61	s	Madrid	18	64	f	Riyadh	38	102	s
Alicante	33	102	s	Corfu	29	84	s	Majorca	24	75	f	Rome	27	81	f
Alex'dria	29	84	f	Dublin	12	54	c	Malaga	25	79	f	Salzburg	19	66	f
Algiers	29	84	f	Dubrovnik	30	86	s	Malta	28	82	f	S F'isco	18	64	c
Amst'dam	14	57	r	Faro	22	72	s	Malta'me	14	57	c	Santiago	18	64	f
Athens	32	90	s	Florence	27	81	f	Mexico C	19	66	f	S Paulo	31	88	s
Bahrain	38	102	s	Frankfurt	16	61	c	Miami	25	77	r	Seoul	28	79	s
Bangkok	29	84	r	Funchal	24	75	f	Milan	17	63	r	Sing'por	32	90	f
Barbados	28	82	c	Geneva	14	57	f	Montreal	20	68	f	St'holm	15	59	r
Barcelona	24	75	s	Gibraltar	25	77	s	Moscow	18	64	f	Strasb'rg	15	59	c
Beirut	30	86	s	Helsinki	15	59	c	Munich	15	59	r	Sydney	19	66	s
Belgrade	34	93	s	Hong K	27	81	r	Nairobi	29	84	f	Tangier	23	73	f
Berlin	19	66	f	Innsbruck	17	63	f	Naples	32	90	s	Tel Aviv	33	91	s
Bermuda	29	84	f	Istanbul	29	84	s	N Delhi	31	88	f	Tenerife	25	77	f
Biarritz	19	66	c	Jeddah	37	99	f	N York	29	84	f	Tokyo	22	72	c
Borde'x	14	57	r	Jo'burg	24	75	f	Nice	20	68	c	Toronto	24	75	r
Brussels	13	55	r	Karachi	31	88	c	Oslo	13	55	c	Tunis	37	99	s
Budapest	30	86	s	L Palmas	25	77	s	Paris	17	63	c	Valencia	25	77	c
B Aires	21	70	s	Le Touqt	15	59	f	Peking	27	81	s	Vanc'ver	15	59	c
Cairo	33	91	s	Lisbon	21	70	f	Perth	17	63	c	Venice	28	79	f
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Locarno	17	63	r	Prague	17	63	c	Vienna	24	75	f
Chicago	30	86	s	L Angels	21	70	s	Reykjavik	7	45	s	Warsaw	21	70	s
Ch'church	X			Luxembg	13	55	r	Rhodes	30	86	s	Wash'ton	28	84	s
Cologne	16	61	r	Luxor	38	100	s	Rio de J	22	72	f	Zurich	16	61	r

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: low B will be slow moving and will fill; low Q and high K will be slow moving and will maintain central pressure



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.29	5.8	10.14	6.1	Liverpool	7.22	7.7	7.49	8.1
Aberdeen	9.50	3.6	10.08	3.7	Lowestoft	5.14	2.2	6.10	2.3
Avonmouth	2.46	10.1	3.22	10.6	Margate	7.52	4.0	8.46	4.3
Belfast	7.11	3.0	7.35	3.1	Milford Haven	2.10	5.3	2.47	5.7
Cardiff	2.19	9.56	3.05	10.02	Newquay	1.03	5.5	1.43	5.8
Devonport	1.31	2.1	2.02	4.6	Oban	2.48	2.9	3.01	3.3
Dover	7.13	5.5	8.04	5.6	Penzance	12.45	4.3	1.14	4.6
Falmouth	1.01	4.1	1.32	4.4	Portland	2.15	1.4	3.03	1.6
Glasgow	9.11	4.0	9.40	4.4	Portsmouth	7.41	3.2	8.19	3.5
Harwich	6.42	4.6	7.04	4.9	Shoreham	7.28	4.1	7.56	4.1
Holyhead	1.52	6.18	2.59	6.17	Southampton	7.01	3.9	7.31	3.9
Hull	1.39	7.11	2.23	7.56	Swansea	2.01	7.5	2.45	7.9
Ilfracombe	1.56	5.3	3.05	5.4	Tees	-	-	12.13	4.5
King's Lynn	10.46	4.7	11.31	4.8	Wilton-on-Nze	7.27	3.5	8.13	3.8

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Sun rises: 6.35 am
Sun sets: 7.16 pm
Moon sets: 11.38 am
Moon rises: 4.57 pm
Full Moon September 19

London 7.16 pm to 6.37 am
Bristol 7.25 pm to 6.46 am
Edinburgh 7.31 pm to 6.46 am
Manchester 7.26 pm to 6.44 am
Penzance 7.27 pm to 6.59 am

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15 1994

Lasmo forced to write off £24m in bid defence costs

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE exorbitant cost of City takeovers came under the spotlight yesterday with the news that Enterprise Oil's failed bid for Lasmo, the rival oil explorer, cost the companies a total of almost £50 million.

Lasmo has written off £24 million in fees to merchant banks, lawyers and other advisers in its defence of last April's £1.5 billion bid, which also cost Enterprise some £24 million. Joe Darby, chief executive of Lasmo, said it was unfair that the defending company should pay the cost when a bid fails. "The bidder should pick up the defender's costs in an unsuccessful takeover. It would make bidders think twice," he suggested.

Two thirds of Lasmo's £24 million bill was made up of fees paid to its three merchant banking advisers: Schroders, NatWest Markets and Goldman Sachs. The remainder was made up of legal and accounting fees, public relations, printing costs and a professional valuation of Lasmo's reserves.

The write-off added an unpleasant sting to Lasmo's interim results, which were slightly better than expected. A 16 per cent boost to production almost cancelled out the effect of lower oil prices leaving turnover unchanged. But more efficient production has reduced the cost from an average £4.10 per barrel at the end of December to £3.70 at the end of June, and Mr Darby expects costs to fall further to an average £3.50 for the year.

Operating profit fell to £50 million from £70 million last year, mainly due to the cost of increased production. After finance charges and tax, Lasmo's net result for the half year was a loss of £13 million compared with profits of £25 million last time. There was no dividend, and Lasmo is planning to pay 1p total for the year, compared with 1.3p in 1993.

Mr Darby said that Lasmo's development programme was on schedule with most projects coming in at or below budget. The Liverpool bay project is forecast to cost £260 million against a budget of £282 million. Both Liverpool and Birch, in the North Sea, are expected to produce oil by October. Lasmo is expected to book substantial reserves from its finds in Algeria.

Asset sales and Lasmo's rights issue in March helped to reduce gearing to 37 per cent from 69 per cent at the year end.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3079.8	(-41.6)
Yield	4.11%	
FT-SE A All share	1546.37	(-20.21)
Nikkei	19919.38	(-126.73)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3878.85	(-1.01)*
S&P Composite	467.08	(-0.44)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	4¾%*	(4¾%)
Long Bond	97²⁸/₃₂*	(97²⁷/₃₂)
Yield	7.69%*	(7.69%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5¾	(5¾)
Life long gilt future (Sep)	99	(100)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5675*	(1.5640)
London:		
$	1.5679	(1.5629)
DM	2.4124	(2.4187)
FF	8.2410	(8.2760)
SF	2.0038	(2.0185)
Yen	155.33	(154.61)
£ Index	79.2	(79.2)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5388*	(1.5433)
FF	5.2660*	(5.2775)
SF	1.2785*	(1.2855)
Yen	99.05*	(98.84)
$ Index	62.1	(62.4)

Tokyo close Yen 98.53

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov) $15.85 ($16.05)

GOLD

London close $380.45 ($389.60)

* denotes midday trading price

Jobless tally falls but jobs decline

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government yesterday claimed that a 34,200 fall in unemployment confirmed the strength of Britain's economy — even though employment is still dropping, with the number of jobs falling over the past three months by almost exactly the same amount.

The clear clash between a drop in the number of people out of work and claiming benefit and the Government's principal figures measuring employment provoked fresh conflict over the economy, and the labour market in particular, between ministers and opposition leaders.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment, usually considered the best guide, fell in August by 34,200 to 2.596 million. This fall was more than double City forecasts.

The new unemployment figure is the lowest for more than two and a half years, and the rate now stands at 9.2 per cent of the workforce. Unemployment fell among men and women, and in every region. It takes the cumulative fall since unemployment peaked in December 1992 to 376,000 — a 13 per cent drop.

Government statisticians believe that the new figure — the seventh consecutive monthly fall — indicates clearly that there is a steady downward trend in unemployment.

Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, said the figures "confirmed the strength of Britain's economy."

He acknowledged, however, there was a "contradiction" between the range of positive economic indicators, including the latest fall in unemployment, and new government figures on employment, also published yesterday, which showed a 34,000 fall in the workforce in employment in the three months to June.

The fall was made up of a drop of 59,000 full-time jobs, set against a rise of 24,000 part-timers.

For Labour, Ann Clwyd said the workforce figures made the unemployment drop a "sham".

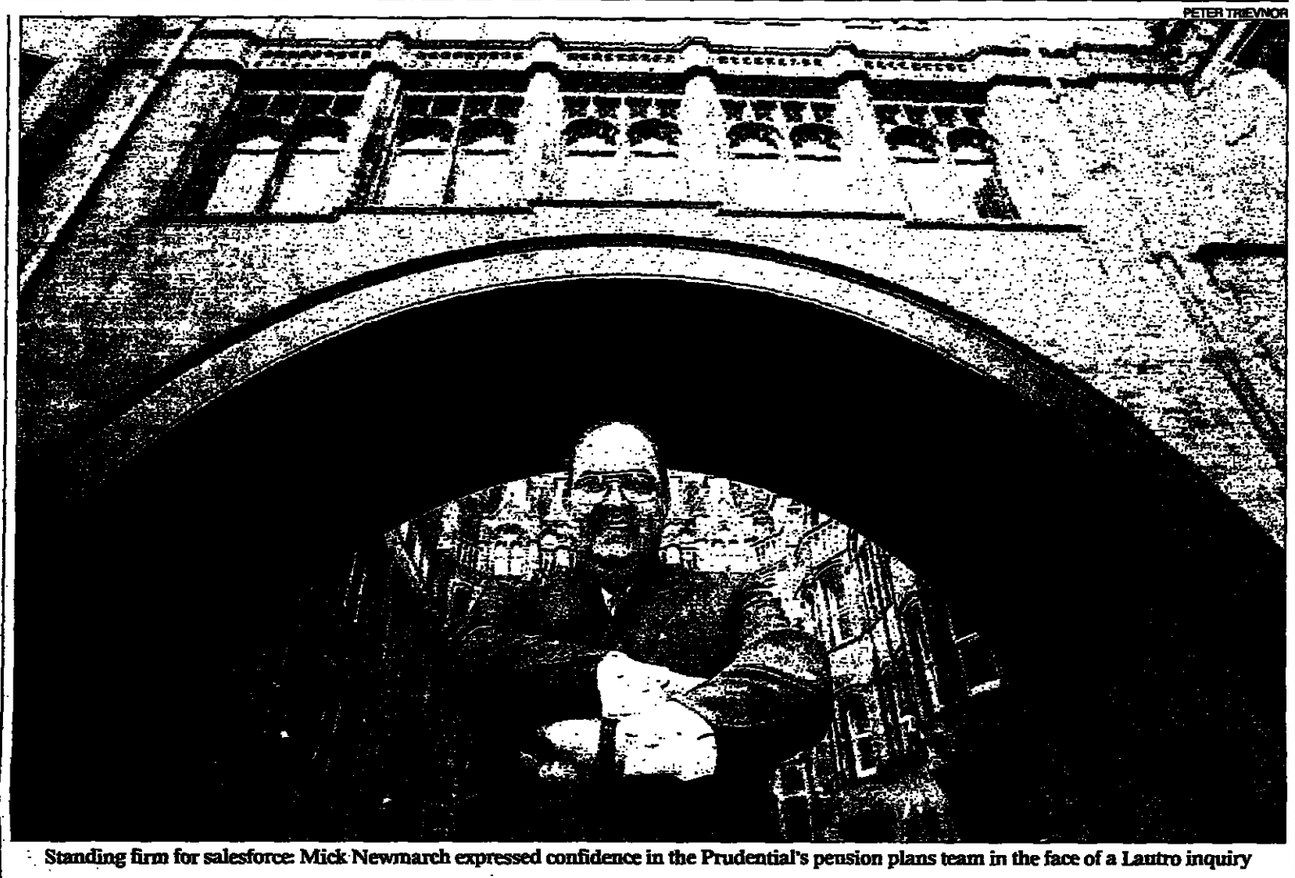
Mr Portillo pointed to the steadily increasing employment figures in the latest Labour Force Survey, also published yesterday. Unlike the workforce in employment data, the survey shows a 229,000 rise in jobs since the end of 1992. LFS figures are drawn from a survey of 60,000 households, while the workforce figures come from a sample of PAYE-returning employers, and Mr Portillo admitted that the workforce series "might not be picking up certain types of work that employers don't care to declare."

Whitehall officials emphasised this was not meant to imply any collusion by employers in tax evasion, but could be due to employers not recognising more flexible forms of work such as casual, temporary or contract labour.

Ministers have asked Department of Employment statisticians to examine the operation of the workforce figures closely.

The number of discouraged workers (those who want work but believe none is available) of working age fell 17,000 to 122,000, down almost 8 per cent on a year ago.

Other figures showed that redundancies are now running at a little more than half the level of three years ago.



PETER TREVINOR

Standing firm for salesforce: Mick Newmarch expressed confidence in the Prudential's pension plans team in the face of a Lautro inquiry

Newmarch says Prudential's house in order on pensions

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

MICK Newmarch, chief executive at Prudential, Britain's largest insurance company, yesterday robustly defended the practices of the group's salesforce in selling personal pension plans.

The procedures are subject to an informal inquiry by Lautro, the life insurance watchdog. Mr Newmarch said: "We believe our affairs are in order. We are waiting patiently to see what comes out of the informal inquiry into our affairs, which is still continuing." His remarks came as the group announced a 16 per cent rise in statutory profits to £280 million in the six months to June 30. However, on an accruals accounting basis, which Prudential says gives a more realistic picture of performance, profits fell by a third to £353 million.

The fall in accrual profits reflected the decline in investment markets in the first half of the year. The dividend was lifted from 4.5p to 4.9p, paid out of earnings per share, calculated on a statutory basis, of 10.5p, up from 8.3p last time. A breakdown of statutory profits revealed a 12 per cent rise in life profits to £224 million. On the general insurance side, profits nearly trebled to £53 million, helped by a £42 million profit from the UK home and motor business.

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Bishop hits out

The Bishop of Wakefield hit out at the Government's "cruel and scandalous" treatment of former coal miners after a study found that fewer than half of former miners had secured jobs a year after being made redundant.

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Soap blow

The soap war between Europe's Unilever and America's Procter & Gamble errupted again yesterday after consumer criticism of Unilever's new Omo soap powder on the Continent

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Shares under pressure as inflation edges up

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

INFLATIONARY pressures in the economy, both in the high street and in industry, remained subdued last month, underlying the fact that this week's base rate rise was a pre-emptive strike against future, not current, inflation problems.

But the small rise in inflation sent financial markets into a tailspin, with the FT-SE 100 share index falling by more than 40 points during the day, as some dealers argued that price pressures were already building up and that the authorities might have to raise interest rates again soon.

Headline retail price inflation rose by 0.5 per cent last month, taking the annual rate of inflation from 2.3 to 2.4 per cent, the Central Statistical Office said. The annual rate of underlying inflation, excluding mortgage interest payments, edged up from 2.2 to 2.3 per cent. The small increases in August mainly reflected a bounce back in prices after the ferocious price cutting seen in the July summer sales. It is notable that, in spite of August's rise, prices are still only at the level seen in May.

The FT-SE 100 index slumped about 25 points immediately after the retail prices figures and, as British government bond prices slid, fell even further. At the close, it stood 41.6 points lower at 3,079.8, while gilt prices were quoted as much as 1½ points down. Both markets suffered trading from news that US retail sales, excluding cars, rose by 0.7 per cent in August.

Unit wage costs in July were 0.9 per cent down on a year ago, the Department of Employment said. The overall pace of average earnings growth remained at 3.75 per cent, and earnings in manufacturing fell to 4 per cent from 4.25 per cent in June and 4.75 per cent in April. Michael Saunders, of Salomon Brothers, noted that this was the lowest earnings growth in manufacturing industry since this statistical series began in 1980.

The CBI said that while the slight rise in inflation "may signal that the downward trend in inflation has come to an end, it would be wrong to conclude that price pressures are building up to an extent that could warrant further interest rate increases".

In spite of the adverse market reaction, yesterday's retail prices figures did not suggest any significant upturn in high street prices.

Even including the bounce back from the July sales, consumer durables prices — which include some household goods, clothing and footwear and leisure goods — were still 0.3 per cent lower in August this year than last, a measure of the continuing prices squeeze in the high street.

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Bids roll in for British Coal mines

THE privatisation of British Coal began in earnest last night when at least three companies entered bids for the remaining core of deep mines in Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire (Ross Tieman writes).

Two quoted companies are among the bidders in a trade sale that is expected to raise more than £500 million for the Government and end the industry's 48 years in the public sector. RTZ, the only big international mining group to pre-qualify, did not bid, believing it could find better opportunities elsewhere.

RJB Mining tabled bids for all five regions on offer. Coal Investments, in partnership with the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, bid for both Central North and Central South regions.

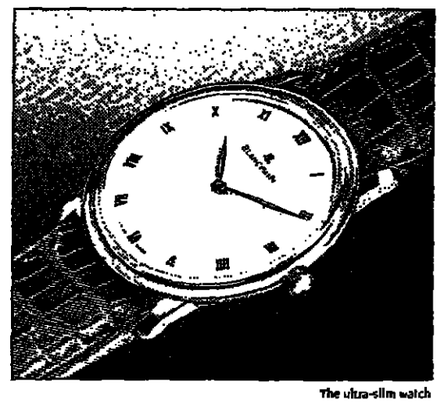
English Coal, a management and employee buyout, filed a bid for both central regions, and the North East.

Ryan Group bid for both Scotland and the North East in partnership with others.

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Forte checks into Meridien hotel chain



Forte: luxury move

BY MELVYN MARCKUS
CITY EDITOR

FORTE, the UK's largest hotel combine, has won its nine-month battle with Accor of France for control of Meridien, the international chain of luxury hotels.

Directors of Air France have agreed to sell the airline's 57.3 per cent stake in Meridien to Forte on terms that valne the chain at Fr1.9 billion. Both bidders recently raised their terms by Fr100 million, but Accor's final tender amounted to just Fr1.7 billion.

The Meridien chain embraces 54 luxury hotels in 34 countries. The acquisition was well received by City analysts, after Forte's decision to give way to Sheraton in the £400 million auction for the Aga Khan's Ciga enterprise.

Rocco Forte, chairman of Forte, described the deal as a crucial step in the transformation of Forte into "a major player in the international luxury hotel market". He added: "Forte and Meridien's luxury portfolios will create a network of 100 hotels with more than 26,000 rooms. It gives us our entry into Asia Pacific and significantly increases our presence in Europe, the Middle East and North America."

The European Commission recently insisted that the injection of £2.4 billion of state aid into Air France should be conditional on the airline's sale of its Meridien stake. During the auction, Air France changed its advisers from Demachy Worms, which had recommended a sale to Forte, to Wasserstein Perella.

Accor strongly lobbied the government of Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister, and also enlisted the financial support of Prince al-Waleed bin Talal, of Saudi Arabia, who recently emerged as a major shareholder in Euro Disney. Directors of Accor described Forte's tender as "unreasonable".

Further good news for Forte came in the shape of a recovery in mid-year trading results from its associate, the Savoy Hotel. On turnover up from £37.8 million to £42.8 million, a loss of £1.7 million for the first half of 1993 was replaced with a pre-tax profit of £575,000.

Construction costs race ahead of inflation

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

INCREASES in building costs are running well ahead of inflation as contractors pass on rises in the price of labour, materials and sub-contractors' work, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors says.

Although prices remain more than 30 per cent below the peak achieved during the 1980s' building boom, the institution's tender price index has registered a 7.4 per cent rise in the year to the end of June. A further rise of 5.1 per cent is expected during the coming 12 months, followed by a 4.8 per cent increase in 1995-96.

The strong recovery in construction tender prices suggests Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, are right to be concerned about the likelihood of increased inflation in some sectors of the economy.

Despite the massive contraction of the building industry during the recession, companies appear to be responding to a modest recovery by pushing up prices to rebuild their profit margins, rather than expanding capacity or innovating to drive down costs. But there are signs that the industry is beginning to recognise a need to cut costs in the future. In a joint industry/government report, Sir Michael Latham has called for a further 30 per cent cut in the real cost of construction over the coming five years. And the construction industry, which accounts for 10 per cent of gross domestic product, has begun to reorganise its £9 million a year lobbying and representation effort in a drive to make its voice heard more effectively in Whitehall.

Two of the leading representative bodies, the Building Employers Confederation (BEC) and the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors (FCEC), will consider proposals to create a single umbrella lobbying organisation at meetings this month and next. The suggestion is based on a study, jointly funded by the BEC, the FCEC and leading construction groups, carried out by PA Consulting Group.

Joe Dwyer, chief executive of Wimpey, said the industry hoped that by creating a single employers organisation, it could both improve its impact on policy, and reduce costs by progressively weeding out duplication in the industry's lobbying effort.

The new body, called Newco pending agreement on a title, would seek a high-profile president and chief executive capable of taking active roles in policy formation. Their work would be directed by a board representing affiliated organisations, and a general council. A "well resourced, high-calibre" research effort would be set up to produce a single monthly state-of-trade survey.

Mr Dwyer said he believed a strong momentum was developing within the industry, and the new over-all construction employers organisation could be set up by Easter next year.

☐ Construction output in the United Kingdom is likely to grow by nearly 3 per cent this year, and by similar amounts in 1995 and 1996, according to a study by Cambridge Econometrics. In its first issue of UK Construction Prospects, a half-yearly forecast, the analysts also add a five-year forecast for the years from 1996 to 2001 that suggests growth is likely to continue at an average rate of 2 per cent a year.

Business round-up

Unctad urges Europe to cut interest rates

WORLD economic leaders should switch from tight monetary policies and take action to boost consumption and employment because the emerging recovery is far too weak, according to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad). The organisation said Western Europe should cut interest rates sharply and keep them low and should avoid tackling budget deficits until the recovery was well established. The United States, it argued, should be cautious in applying tight monetary policy which risked strangling recovery in investment and employment, and Japan should loosen both monetary and fiscal policy.

Unctad criticised the main international monetary and aid agencies for pursuing economic policies which treat inflation as a greater evil than unemployment. It also took them to task for relying only on the private sector to strengthen development programmes.

Japanese chips eroded

FOREIGN manufacturers grabbed a record 21.9 per cent of Japan's computer chip market in the second quarter, after 20.7 per cent in the first, the office of Mickey Kantor, US trade representative, said. This marked the third straight quarter that the foreign share of Japan's semiconductor market topped 20 per cent, the level set as a goal in the controversial US-Japan microchip pact. In 1993, foreign companies accounted for 19.4 per cent of the $24.65 billion market for microchips. Mr Kantor welcomed the rise in foreign chip sales in Japan, but warned against complacency.

Action on jobs wanted

A UNION leader last night called on the European Commission to set targets for countries to reduce unemployment. John Edmonds, general secretary of the General and Municipal Boilermakers union, said that the European Commission should "get tough" with governments in the European Union over the issue. He said: "Their message to presidents and prime ministers should be: 'If you won't act, we will step in'." Mr Edmonds was speaking at the opening of the General and Municipal Boilermakers' new office in Brussels.

US phone deal likely

SPRINT may merge its cellular phone operations with those of Nynex and Bell Atlantic to create a company that would offer a nationwide US service and compete with the proposed AT&T-McCaw Cellular partnership. Such a merger, described by some in America as imminent, would give the new company more than three million subscribers and almost 76 million potential users. Observers said Bell Atlantic and Nynex are sure to face problems with the deal because of US federal rules hindering local phone companies entering the long-distance market. Ameritech may also join the merger.

Bangemann critical

THE European Union's top industry official said Europe's lack of international competitiveness should be blamed on more than just high labour costs. Presenting a report on industrial competitiveness, Martin Bangemann, the Commissioner for Industry, said yesterday that other factors, including lack of innovation, up-to-date infrastructure and efficient decision-making are at least as important in determining competitiveness. Mr Bangemann pointed to major strategic alliances between companies as one way to improve competitiveness.

Swissair seeks partner

SWISSAIR, the Swiss national airline, is talking to Belgium's Sabena and to other airlines in a search for a partner, Otto Loepfe, Swissair president, said yesterday. Sabena was also talking to other companies, he said. A plan for a merger of Swissair, Dutch KLM, Austrian AUA and Scandinavian SAS airlines collapsed last November. Mr Loepfe said that more jobs would be shed under a restructuring programme intended to save SFr500 million (£250 million) a year. The Swissotel chain should make a profit next year.

Caird cuts half-time loss

A RECOVERY in landfill prices helped Caird Group, the waste management company, to cut pre-tax losses to £241,000 in the six months to June 30, from a provision-laden deficit of £25.4 million last time. An improving cost structure and a return to profit by the landfill division helped the company to an operating profit of £295,000 from continuing activities, against a loss of £1.21 million last time. Turnover fell to £7.75 million (£8.79 million). The loss per share is reduced to 0.42p (45.55p). There is again no dividends.

Treatment of miners scandalous, says bishop

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

THE Bishop of Wakefield hit out at the Government's "cruel and scandalous" treatment of former coal miners after a study found that fewer than half had secured jobs a year after being made redundant.

Calling for additional government money to help to create jobs in former pit towns, the Right Rev Nigel McCulloch said the miners had been betrayed by ministers who promised regeneration measures but failed to deliver.

"No government in any Western country has treated its miners in the cavalier, cruel and scandalous manner that our miners have suffered and are still suffering," he said. "There are no new jobs, and nobody in government seems to care."

His remarks were made during a press conference in London to highlight the findings of a study by the Coalfield Communities Campaign (CCC) into what happens to redundant miners. About 40,000 miners have been made redundant, and 34 pits closed, since Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, announced a new round of cutbacks on October 1992.

The survey was carried out among almost 900 miners at five pits a year after they had shut. It found that 46 per cent were unemployed, and a further 9 per cent were in full-time training. Although 44 per cent had found work, many of them had been rehired by British Coal contractors, or to "scavenge" equipment from pits, and have since been laid off, Nigel Guy, the study's author, said.

Miners shifting to new jobs experienced an average pay cut of £63 a week, or 27 per cent. Only 3 per cent used their redundancy money, typically £20,000, to start their own businesses. On average, the redundant miners were 38 years old, and had 19 years' experience in the coal industry. But 30 per cent were claiming sickness benefit and failed to show up in the Government's unemployment register. Overall, 89 per cent of the men were worse off when the survey was conducted this spring, than when they had worked at the pit.

The bishop said he had met Mr Heseltine to warn him that the closure of the Grimesthorpe pit in Yorkshire would have a disastrous effect on the local economy. The bishop said miners who heeded government urging to retrain and learn new skills had been "betrayed" by the failure to ensure new jobs were attracted to former mining areas.

John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, said coalfield communities had been forced to rely upon European Community funds. British Coal's enterprise arm and there own efforts to try to combat the effect of pit closures.

"The role of national government has been feeble indeed," he said. The Government promised to provide £200 million of assistance to areas hit by mine closures. According to the CCC, many measures have yet to take effect.

Japanese orders for UK firms

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

TOYOTA Motor Manufacturing, the Japanese company's plant at Burnaston in Derbyshire, said European suppliers had clinched new contracts in Japan worth £15 million a year. They include McKechnie Vehicle Components and Bloxwich Engineering, from the UK.

McKechnie, in Yorkshire, is to supply more than 250,000 wheel trims for the Carina E model made in Japan. Bloxwich, in Walsall, is exporting engine pulleys.

Philips Speaker Systems, which has been supplying Burnaston, has also won a contract to send equipment from its Belgian factory to Toyota in Japan. Although the level of contracts is still small, they represent an opening for European companies able to meet exacting Japanese standards for components.



Mark Bunce, left, who becomes chief executive, Christina Bunce, the marketing and merchandising director, who also becomes commercial director, and John Shannon

Country Casuals chief resigns

By Susan Gilchrist

THE chairman of Country Casuals has abruptly resigned just two days after the womenswear group issued a profits warning.

John Shannon's resignation follows a boardroom dispute in which his fellow directors refused to extend the length of his service agreement. The board felt his request to extend his contract from one year to two years was inappropriate in the present corporate climate. All Country Casuals executive directors are on 12-month rolling contracts.

Tom Adam, a main board director, is promoted to non-executive chairman, while Mark Bunce, the finance and strategy director, becomes chief executive. A new finance director has yet to be appointed.

Mr Bunce said everybody was stunned at the sudden resignation of Mr Shannon, who brought the company to the stock market two years ago. "He has given a great deal to the group over the past five years and I will miss his contribution," Mr Bunce said. "But Country Casuals is more than one man and we do not bend the rules for anyone."

He insisted Mr Shannon's departure was unconnected to the profit warning delivered this week. The announcement that profits in the current year would be hit by unexpected difficulties in establishing the Elvi outsize brand wiped more than a fifth off the group's stock market value.

SAS raises British Midland stake to 40%

From Colin Narbrough in Rome

SAS, the Scandinavian airline group, has raised its holding in Airlines of Britain Holdings, the parent company of British Midland, to the agreed 40 per cent limit.

It previously held 34.9 per cent of the shares.

SAS started building the stake in 1988. Sir Michael Bishop, the chairman of British Midland Airways, said yesterday that the stake was "in every sense" a minority holding and that he controlled the remaining 60 per cent of shares.

He dismissed suggestions that the SAS stake had influenced his deal with Alitalia, the state-owned Italian carrier, which, like the Scandinavian carrier, has a code sharing agreement with Continental, the American carrier.

The SAS stake in British Midland represented a "long-term" partnership that was quite separate from commercial deals, such as that with Alitalia, Sir Michael said. He was speaking at Alitalia's headquarters near Rome after signing a code sharing agreement between British Midland, which is Britain's second-largest scheduled airline, and the Italian carrier.

The deal, which has been operating for eight weeks, has been accompanied by a 15 per cent increase in traffic carried between Italy and United Kingdom destinations by the two carriers.

Maude urges shake-up of pension rules

By Jonathan Prynn

FRANCIS Maude, the former Treasury Financial Secretary, yesterday called for a major shake-up of pension rules to make it easier for employees to change job without jeopardising pension arrangements.

Mr Maude, now head of global privatisation at Morgan Stanley, said the "classic occupational scheme" was increasingly out of touch with a world in which people move job several times in their career.

Mr Maude, who was giving the Maurice Macmillan memorial lecture, called on the Government to give the entire benefit of pension tax relief to employees to increase their control of their pensions. Currently, the tax relief is shared by employers and employees.

Co-op Bank benefits from ethical stand

By Robert Miller



Thomas: bonus for charity

ETHICAL banking and aggressive marketing helped the Co-operative Bank overcome a sharp fall in dealing income in the six months to July 22. Pre-tax profits rose to £11 million from £8 million despite a £1.5 million drop in dealing profits to £297,000.

Terry Thomas, managing director of the Co-op, said that the bank had turned away about 100 customers who did not measure up to ethical business standards it set in 1992. However, that stand had attracted more clients. Mr Thomas announced that if the bank makes a mistake in future it will rectify the error, apologise and pay £10 compensation on each occasion. He said: "While other banks talk about service, the Co-operative Bank is putting its money where its mouth is."

The Co-op's operating income of £124 million was £4.8 million higher than last time, while fees and commissions were £58.6 million (£55.1 million). Bad debt provisions were down 15 per cent to £16.7 million. Expenses increased by £4.5 million to £96.4 million in the first half of the year and included staff reorganisation costs, such as voluntary redundancy and relocations of £4.5 million.

Mr Thomas said that the "Customers Who Care" scheme launched in March this year, in which a proportion of the expenditure incurred by customers using Visa cards is donated to charities, will generate £500,000 in the first year. During the first three months of the scheme, donations were made to the NSPCC, the National Association of Hospices, Amnesty International, Tusk Force and 100 local causes.

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Following the DIVIDEND DECLARATION by Ford Motor Company (U.S.) on 14 July 1994 NOTICE is now given that the following DISTRIBUTION will become payable on or after 15 September 1994.

Gross Distribution per unit	1-12500 Cents
Less 15% USA Withholding Tax	0-16875 Cents
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Converted at $1.555	£0-00614952

Claims should be lodged with the DEPOSITARY, National Westminster Bank PLC, Basement, Juno Court, 24 Prescot Street, London E1 8BB on special forms obtainable from that office.

United Kingdom Banks and Members of the Stock Exchange should mark payment of the dividend in the appropriate square on the reverse of the certificate.

All other claimants must complete the special form and present this at the above address together with the certificate(s) for marking by the National Westminster Bank PLC. Postal applications cannot be accepted.

Dated 15 September 1994

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No 004441 of 1994 CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF SANYO ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING (UK) LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 12 July 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £20,000,000 to £16,681,490, by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the Company

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the twelfth day of October 1994. ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same

DATED this 14th day of September 1994 Wilkinson Maughan, Sun Alliance House, 35 Mosley Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1XX Tel. (091) 261 1841 Ref. MDS Solicitors for the above-named Company.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 004169 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF SUNLEIGH PLC AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 30th June 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the share premium account of the above named Company and the reduction of its capital from £14,594,853.78 to £11,700,000 AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 5th day of October 1994. Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of share premium account and reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same

Dated this 15 day of September 1994
Simmons & Simmons
14 Dominion Street
London EC2M 2RJ
Solicitors for the above named company Tel 071 628 2020 Quote Ref 6/PO8721/SJB.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers Port Yacht Club Limited
Registered number: 1914441
Nature of business: Public House
Trade classification: 48
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 7 September 1994
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Carlsberg-Tetley Brewing Limited
Sara Elizabeth Dayman and Raymond Hocking Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos 2352 and 6695)
Address: Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA

Notice of appointment of Joint Liquidators
Name of company: The Shooting Party Limited
Nature of business: Distribution of Cinematograph & TV Films
Address of registered office: Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH
Joint Liquidators' name and address: S J L Adamson and G H Hughes Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU
Date of appointment: 9 September 1994
By whom appointed: Members and Creditors
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The Shooting Party Limited (In Liquidation)
The creditors of the above-named company are requested, on or before 28 October 1994 to send their names, addresses and particulars of their claims to the undersigned, Joint Liquidators of the company, at Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU.
Dated: 9 September 1994
S J L Adamson and G H Hughes
Joint Liquidators

QINTEX AMERICA (RESORTS) COMPANY NUMBER: 2040536 (IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidator of the above company intends to make a distribution to the creditors. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims and their names and addresses to the Liquidator, Roger Smith, KPMG Peat Marwick, PO Box 735, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 28 October 1994 which is the last day for proving. Further, notice is also given that the Liquidator proposes to make final distributions and that such distributions will be made without regard to any claims not made by the date mentioned
Note, the company is able to pay all its known creditors in full
Dated: 12 September 1994, R Smith.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers
Port Dunorwic Yacht Harbour Limited
Registered number: 1714838
Nature of business: Management of yacht harbour
Trade classification: 46
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 7 September 1994
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Carlsberg-Tetley Brewing Limited
Sara Elizabeth Dayman and Raymond Hocking Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos 2352 and 6695)
Address: Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA

Rule 4.106 The Insolvency Act 1986
BUCKLESWAY HOMES LIMITED - (IN LIQUIDATION)
Take notice that the undersigned, Alan David Kennington & Phillip Anthony Roberts of Haines Watts, 4-8 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4LU, were appointed Joint Liquidators of Buckleswy Homes Ltd. by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on the 5th day of September 1994.
Dated this 6th day of September 1994
ALAN DAVID KENNINGHAM and PHILLIP ANTHONY ROBERTS, Joint Liquidators.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers HENRY V. HIRD LIMITED
Registered number: 1164356
Nature of business: RETAIL OF ELECTRICAL GOODS
Trade classification: 21
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 6th September 1994
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc
C.McCWilliam, FCA and D.Swaden, FCA Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no's 6000 and 5495)
Leonard Curtis & Partners, Third Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 5AB.

ARPED GIBBS & CO LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company is to be held at Sherlock Holmes Hotel 108 Baker Street London W1 on 30/9/94 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. A resolution will be proposed at the meeting of creditors to set the basis of the Liquidators remuneration
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Bailey, Chartered Accountants, 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB between 10am & 4pm on from 28/9/94
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the company situated at Bailey, 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB not later than 12 noon on 29/9/94.
Dated, 5.9.94. G LUCKING, Director.

RSA (The Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce). The 240th Annual General Meeting will be held at the Society's House, 8 John Adam Street, London WC2N 6EZ on Wednesday 28 September 1994 at 6.00pm.
(By Order of the Council)
C T Lucas, Director.

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☐ CSO's helpful words fall on stony ground ☐ Lasmo counts cost of failed Enterprise bid ☐ Lower foam in the soap wars

Attack of the glums

☐ IS THE gilt-edged market addicted to gloom or just dreadful at interpreting statistics?

There was absolutely no excuse for the latter yesterday when the Central Statistical Office offered an experimental telephone conference call to a clutch of City economists to help guide them through the latest retail prices figures so they could, in turn, brief their dealers. If this innovation proves popular, the CSO hopes it can turn it into a money-spinner. But there is also a desire to encourage more well-informed comment among the rapidly-ageing teenage scribblers so derided by Nigel Lawson in the 1980s.

Helpful though the CSO was trying to be, its initiative clearly did not work, judging by the befogged panic that greeted August's retail prices data. In two short days, the very genuine concern in some quarters that Monday's base rate rise was not only pre-emptive but premature has switched to fear that the authorities have, as so often in the past, acted too late.

This is both an incompetent and manic depressive reading of the figures. The rise in retail price inflation in August was miniscule in scale and hardly surprising since the summer sales ended.

For those who missed the CSO's new service or did not listen, here are the main points again. Headline and underlying inflation rose by only 0.1 per cent, hardly cause for a collective attack of the glums. The all-items index is at the same level as in May. Consumer durables prices were 0.3 per cent lower in August than they were last year. Household goods prices — in spite of the bounce-back from July's deep summer sale discounts — were only 0.2 per cent up on August last year. Leisure goods were down 1.2 per cent from a year ago.

Even more startling, inoffensive as far as long-run inflationary trends are concerned, is the fact that higher prices for coffee and potatoes, because of bad harvests, accounted for a quarter of August's 0.5 per cent rise in the all-items retail prices index.

More significant than all this is the fact that the gilt market gave all its attention to retail prices, apparently ignoring the much more dramatic picture in industry. Earnings growth in the production industries fell to 4 per cent in June from 4.75 per cent in April and unit wage costs are 0.9 per cent lower than a year ago as productivity continues to grow. Overall earnings growth, including services, has now been below 4.5 per cent for 18 months, the best run of figures for 30 years.

At this stage in the cycle, with official unemployment figures dropping month by month, such measures of improving competitiveness and low cost pressures should send gilt investors into euphoria.

Perhaps the Central Statistical Office should give up its idea of being helpful to City economists and ask Conservative Central Office to send in Jeremy Hanley to enlighten them instead.



A price not worth paying

☐ IN most card games, winner takes all, but in the strange world of mergers and acquisitions, all the players often end up losers. The tough guys stake ever higher piles of chips on the table, but when the takeover game is over it is their minders and floozies who pocket the winnings. Adding up the bills for the Enterprise and Lasmo debacle forces one to conclude that the balance of risk and reward in takeovers needs to be reconsidered. The £48 million total cost — assuming one includes the write-down on Enterprise's Lasmo shares — is money that both companies needed and should have been invested in the oil industry or returned to shareholders. As it happens, the funds have been spirited away into the pockets of highly-paid merchant bankers, lawyers and public relations consultants. Money that might have been invested in North Sea oil, boosting Britain's balance of payments, is likely to be sunk into German cars, Savile Row suits and French cottages.

In essence, takeovers are a good thing; the threat of being unseated by a rival firm acts as a goad to do-nothing directors and may be the only way to remove a board that has proved incapable of delivering a decent return to the shareholders. The question is who should bear the cost? Defenders of hostile bids argue that merchant banker's fees are an indirect investment in the share price: a good defence will boost the value of the shares and the price paid by the bidder.

But the £48 million spent on the bid failed to deliver anything. Any rise in the price of Lasmo since the bid could equally be attributed to a $4 rise in the oil price plus its improved fortunes after the rights issue. The total sum is almost equivalent to a year's exploration cost for Lasmo, while Lasmo's share of the bill is enough to have quadrupled the 1p payout to shareholders promised this year.

Privately, many in the oil industry regret that the Enterprise bid failed. The industry needs consolidation in a world where the price of oil demands a more efficient use of capital. Had Enterprise offered a merger it might have succeeded, but delay and the poor advice it was given on the terms of its bid have cost both companies dearly.

Going Dutch with Brand X

☐ EXECUTIVES in the Procter & Gamble Kremlin should be tickled pink — make that white — by the Dutch Consumentenbond's latest soap war flanker. It recommends consumers to use "a good, cheaper detergent" in preference to Omo Power, Unilever's Dutch version of Persil Power. No matter that Brand X will probably also be made by Lever, perhaps the equivalent of Surf. The Consumentenbond appears to back P&G's claim that even reformulated, lower manganese Omo Power, though kind to animals, is tougher on textiles than what commercials call "another brand".

Unilever disputes the conclusions but can live with the tabulated scores from the washing tests. No wonder. These rate Omo Power poor only for wear-and-tear on coloured cottons after 36 repeated washes at normal temperatures. Omo Power is sold to clean whites at low temperatures, where it scores well enough. Still, all is fair in the soap wars.

In any case, this storm in a washing machine may soon gurgle down the drain. Having been beaten to the market by Lever, P&G is finally about to launch its own new-generation Ariel Futur in Germany, claiming advantages amazingly similar to Omo/Persil Power. The propaganda war was mainly fought in the minor Dutch market, where sales of the rivals' products have yoyoed. Meanwhile, Omo/Persil Power has done well in its bigger markets in France and in Britain, where, pending P&G's relaunch, it claims to have overtaken Ariel. No tattered white flag needed.

Monroe doctrine

☐ GOOD news for Western copyright-holders living in fear of Chinese piracy. The Roger Richman Agency, a tasteful American exploiter of character brands, has licensed a franchise for the image of the late Marilyn Monroe to CITIC, the vast state-backed Chinese investment group. With the backing of the heirs of Mao, the Middle Kingdom's brand police will surely take more interest.

English China Clays soars 30% at half-time

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

ENGLISH China Clays, the speciality minerals and chemicals group, powered to a 29.9 per cent advance in first-half profits after improvements in European minerals, construction and Calgon, its newly acquired US chemicals unit.

The company, reporting its first results since the reorganisation of ECC International into two regional divisions and the demerger of its Camas building materials unit, said market conditions remain competitive.

Overall pre-tax profits, including a final five-month contribution from Camas, advanced to £52.2 million in the six months to June 30, against £40.2 million last time. Turnover, boosted by acquisition, was £618.3 million (£515.1 million). Lord Chilver, chairman, said: "The results overall show that market conditions for our products are improving, but they remain competitive."

Operating profits from continuing activities, excluding Camas, were £62.7 million, up from £41.6 million last time.

Andrew Teare, chief executive, said that Europe was the star performer and remains "pretty strong" after sales volumes of European-sourced minerals grew by 6 per cent and 8 per cent volume growth from the European paper industry. Strong demand from the paper and ceramics industries helped operating profits at ECCI Europe surge 44 per cent to £28.5 million, boosted by volume growth and cost-cutting. The number employed by the division was reduced by 11 per cent. European restructuring and rationalisation costs resulted in a £5.7 million exceptional charge.

Mr Teare admitted that the strong demand in Europe has now slowed, but said the group would benefit from cost-saving measures taken in the first half.

Higher costs and effects of a harsh US winter eroded margins at ECCI Americas/Pacific and saw the division's operating profits slip to £15.5 million (£18.3 million) on relatively flat volumes. Margins fell to 10.7 per cent (13 per cent).

Mr Teare said that performance had improved in the Americas and Pacific markets after a relatively difficult start to the year.

ECC Speciality Chemicals made a first-time contribution of £6.1 million, with Calgon "now completely integrated into the group".

Mr Teare said the company was now looking for add-on acquisitions and would consider spending up to $100 million on the right deal in Europe.

Profits at ECC Construction surged 225 per cent to £21.3 million, benefiting from land sale proceeds of £37.9 million, against £13.2 million.

Gearing stood at 30 per cent at the interim stage. Earnings climbed to 11.47p (9.45p) a share. As previously indicated, the interim dividend is reduced to 5.36p (6.6p), but when it is combined with Camas's interim payout of 1.25p, the total is maintained at 6.6p.

The group has already said it expects the dividend for the year to be at least 16.25p, with a combined total payout of 20p from the two companies.

The shares fell 10p to 379p.

☐ Camas, which was demerged from ECC in June, is positive on prospects after increased aggregate prices and volumes helped pre-tax profits advance to £4.9 million in the six months to June 30, against £3.4 million previously. Turnover, boosted by the acquisition of Kost in the US, grew to £209.9 million from £173.6 million last time.

Alan Shearer, chief executive, said: "We look forward to a satisfactory improvement in the results for the year."

The maiden interim dividend of 1.25p is paid from adjusted earnings ahead to 1.6p (0.98p) a share. Camas shares firmed 3p to 78p.

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Teare: seeking acquisitions



Neville Buch, chairman of Blenheim, said tough trading in its key French market would adversely affect profits

Blenheim shares fall after warning

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

SHARES in Blenheim Group, Europe's largest exhibition organiser, fell 28p to 215p yesterday after it said tough trading in its key French market meant full-year profits would be below budget.

Neville Buch, chairman, said trading in France had proved even more difficult than envisaged at the time of the annual meeting in May. He said continuing recession, coupled with the high proportion of biennial events in the region, would adversely affect profits in the current year. Analysts downgraded their full-year forecasts from about £40 million to about £35 million.

The announcement was yet another setback for the group. Its problems started last summer when it raised £75.8 million in a convertible preference share issue only to see two profit downgrades within three months from BZW, its own broker.

The shares, which had been trading above 600p in the spring, tumbled to less than 300p. Yesterday, the group was anxious to restore relations with the City. Staffan Svenby, who became managing director last November, acknowledged the mistakes of the past and said the group was entering a new phase, concentrating on organic rather than acquisition-led growth. Senior management had been overhauled, with new managing directors installed in the main sectors.

The group reported a 21 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £19.2 million from £15.8 million in the six months to June 30, boosted by acquisitions. The British operations produced a strong performance, but trading was mixed in the United States and Germany.

Mr Svenby said the French operations were being restructured, but added that an upturn was unlikely until the end of next year. The interim dividend is lifted to 3.5p (3.4p), a rise of 3 per cent.

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Soap wars reopen with Dutch report

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

THE six-month-long soap war between the Anglo-Dutch Unilever group and America's Procter & Gamble sprang back to life yesterday after the Dutch consumers' association said its tests had found a new version of Unilever's Omo Power washing powder caused excessive damage to clothing. Omo Power is sold as Persil Power in Britain.

This adds to allegations made by P&G at the start of the soap war in March that the manganese contained in the new powder would damage clothes.

"The new version of Omo Power washes as clean as other detergents containing bleaching agents. But with this reformulated product we also find the wear and tear too great," the Consumentenbond said in its monthly magazine.

Unilever decided to adjust Omo Power, launched in April. But the Consumentenbond said new Omo Power noticeably shortened the life of cotton fabrics.

Unilever responded: "It seems that the Consumentenbond only partly recognises the specific properties of renewed Omo Power in the areas of stain removal and environmental benefits. In the market Omo Power is now developing positively."

Unilever is also thought to have established that the Dutch consumer tests produced results similar to six sets of independent laboratory tests around Europe that are said to show that the performance of Omo falls within acceptable industry limits. Unilever is expected to point out also that the Dutch tests did not uphold the P&G criticism that manganese left over from Omo washes will continue to wear out clothes faster, even when other powders are used subsequently to do the washing.

On the Amsterdam bourse, Unilever shares dropped 1.70 guilders to Fl 198.10 (£21.50) in response to the renewed attack on Omo.

In Britain, the shares fell from £11.42 to £11.18, in line with the general slide on the stock market.

Walker denies laundering money

BY OUR CITY STAFF

GEORGE Walker yesterday admitted there was "something wrong" in the way cash moved out of his company, Brent Walker — his signature had been forged and bogus letters had been created.

But, on his eighth day in the witness box at Southwark Crown Court, Mr Walker, who denies a multimillion-pound profits fraud, said it was quite untrue to suggest he had laundered company cash.

Peter Rook QC, prosecuting, asked him if he accepted that money from Brent Walker left the company before being returned as payment for allegedly fictitious film-right sales.

He replied: "What I am accepting is what I have been shown... If the people were here who were doing these deals they would be able to give the answers. I find it very hard. And yet as I see these cash flows, I know something is wrong. I know my signature has been forged. I know there are forged letters and I know explanations are very hard to come by."

Mr Rook put it to Mr Walker that he had used a Canadian company — which was allegedly one of the vehicles for the £19.3 million profits fraud — as a "smokescreen" to clear debts. Mr Walker denied this.

Mr Rook questioned Mr Walker about two sums — of £750,000 and £250,000 — which allegedly left Brent Walker coffers and moved through a couple of bank accounts before ending up in a third, of which Walker was the sole signatory. "The truth of the matter is you were involved in the laundering of this money," alleged Mr Rook. Mr Walker replied: "No".

The company's former chairman and chief executive, and Wilfred Aquilina, 41, the one-time finance director, deny various charges of false accounting and theft. The trial continues tomorrow.

Permanent float may cost quarter of new funds

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

FLOTATION costs may soak up at least 24 per cent of the money raised when Irish Permanent, the Republic of Ireland's largest building society, is finally launched on the stock exchange late next month.

The Permanent, which issued its pathfinder prospectus yesterday, has not said how many shares it will issue or what price it will seek. It is understood, however, that the building society will look for between Ir£30 million (£29 million) and Ir£50 million at between Ir£1.80 and Ir£2.00 a share.

The placing and offer will cost Ir£12 million, which amounts to between 24 per cent and 40 per cent of the proceeds. After flotation, the Permanent should be capitalised at about Ir£200 million, less than 10 times last year's after-tax profits.

The building society has assets of about Ir£3 billion, which represents 35 per cent of the assets of all Irish building societies and, according to the Permanent's prospectus, is the Republic of Ireland's fourth largest banking group. AIB, the Republic of Ireland's biggest bank, has assets of more than IR£21 billion and is capitalised at IR£1.7 billion.

The society's stock market debut was initially planned for last year but was delayed by the dismissal of Edmund Farrell, the executive chairman, because he allegedly used the Permanent's money to refurbish his home. The prospectus shows that the Permanent is suing Mr Farrell and some of his associates for the recovery of Ir£1.3 million. He has counter-claimed, for Ir£4.5 million. Some of his associates are looking for a further Ir£8 million.

The building society converted from mutual to public limited company status this year but its flotation in early summer was delayed because of weak equity markets.

Forty five million free shares, worth up to Ir£90 million, have been issued to members — depositors and borrowers — while a further 21 million free shares have yet to be claimed.

The Permanent yesterday announced pre-tax profits of Ir£15.2 million, and Ir£10.8 million after tax, for the first six months of this year. The figures were the society's first set of interim results. Brokers forecast after-tax profits of Ir£22 million for the full year. A dividend of Ir6p is forecast for the second half the year. Were the society to be a plc for the full year, it would pay a total of Ir9p net of tax or Ir12p gross.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Inflation worries knock 41 points off equities

INVESTORS were sent scurrying for cover as share prices and government bonds went into a nosedive after evidence of a resurgence of inflationary pressures in Britain, America and Germany.

The FT-SE 100 index plunged through the 3,100 level to close just above its worst of the day with a fall of 41.6 points at 3,079.8, stretching its fall since interest rates were raised half of one percent on Monday to almost 50 points. *The equity market has* now fallen 161.7 points during the past eight days alone.

Investors saw a modest lead wiped out in early trading by a bigger than expected rise in the August retail price index. The fall gathered pace during afternoon trading, with August US retail sales data adding to the City's misery. There were also signs of growing inflation in Germany from the latest factory gate prices.

Many institutional investors are now fearful that a further rise in bank base rates may be on the cards around the time of the November Budget. Dealers said the trading pattern was all too familiar, with bonds leading the way lower, closely followed by the futures market which, in *turn, dragged down equities.*

Turnover levels remained thin, with market-makers doing a competent job of deterring would-be sellers by marking prices lower. By the close of business, only 539 million shares had changed hands. Last night dealers were hoping that a steady performance by Wall Street overnight might provide the platform for a rally when trading resumes this morning.

Among leading shares, **BP** firmed 1p to 417½p before a presentation with brokers and fund managers later today at which David Simon, chief executive, will outline details of its exploration programme. NatWest Securities, the broker, yesterday gave the shares a push by urging clients to add to their holdings after it upgraded its forecast. NatWest believes that the aim of BP to achieve a further $1 billion of profit improvement by 1996 looks increasingly realistic.

Carlton Communications, the independent telvision broadcaster, stood out with a *rise of 19p at 875p in thin* trading. The company has been meeting brokers during the last few days and appears to have made a favourable impression.



David Simon, BP chief executive, set to meet brokers today

Blenheim, the former high-*flying exhibitions group,* slumped 28p to 215p after warning that full-year profits would fall short of the amount budgeted for earlier in the year. The warning accompanied half-year figures showing a rise in profits of 22 per cent at £19.2 million.

Country Casuals, the ladies fashion retailer, which earlier this week issued a profits warning, slipped a further 4p to 112p. John Shannon, the chairman, has resigned after the board refused to extend his contract. Tom Adam has been appointed non-executive chairman and Mark Bunce, the finance director, takes on the roll of chief executive.

Shares in the **Savoy** hotel chain fell 12p to 913p as the trustees began selling the important 'B' voting shares in the wake of this week's events which have seen Giles Shepard resign as managing director, and Forte being given an increasing say in the group's management after failing to win control. Meanwhile, **Forte** slipped 7p to 221p after paying £132 million for Air France's 57.3 per cent stake in the Meridien chain of hotels.

Harrington Kilbride, the troubled publisher, slipped 2p *to 61p.Shareholders* were *told* at the annual general meeting that Anthony Herron has been appointed non-executive chairman. He is a former senior partner of Touche Ross, the accountant, and replaces Professor Sir Roland Smith. Last month the shares fell sharply after the group raised its bad debt provision.

Lasmo slipped 4p to 155p after plunging into the red at the halfway stage and axing the interim dividend. The group also revealed that the cost of defending itself from the unwanted advances of Enterprise Oil had been £24 million.

Prudential Corporation slipped 1p to 314p after reporting a 16 per cent increase in first half pre-tax profits to £280 million.

Profit-taking left **English China Clays** 10p lower at 379p after the group reported pretax profits for the six months up from £40.2 million to £52.2 million. The figures included a final five-month contribution from Camas, its building materials division, which has now been demerged. **Camas** firmed 3p to 78p after reporting a 44 per cent increase in first half profits to £4.9 million.

Associated British Ports hardened 9p to 272p, cheered by a 30 per cent jump in first half profits and a positive outlook.

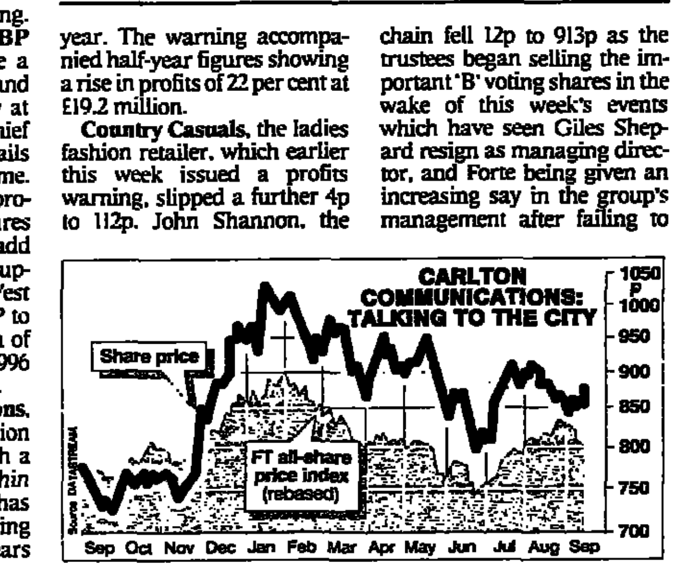
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts suffered sharp falls across the board, worried by the revival of inflationary pressures following the RPI, with the US retail sales data adding to the woe. The worst of the falls were seen at the longer end.

The December series of the long gilt finished £1⁵/₁₆ lower at £98²⁵/₃₂ as 86,000 contracts were completed.

In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 dropped £1⁷/₁₆ to £102¹/₈, *while at the shorter* end, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £½ off at £102⅝.

☐ **NEW YORK:** US blue chips remained flat at midday as the approach of the Yom Kippur religious holiday and Friday's triple witching expirations drained the equity market of enthusiasm. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 1.01 at 3,878. 85.

Takeover hopes at Fisons have suffered a setback after gloomy half-year figures on Tuesday. Yesterday the price tumbled 12p to 123p as James Capel, the broker, turned bearish on prospects and BZW removed the shares from its buy list. Until problems are resolved, speculators are taking the view that a bid is unlikely.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	3878.85 (-1.01)
S&P Composite	467.08 (-0.44)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	19919.38 (-126.73)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	9846.40 (-90.61)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	410.56 (-2.13)

Sydney:

AO	2050.5 (+6.9)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2134.12 (-11.97)

Singapore:

Straits	2298.31 (-1.35)

Brussels:

General	7416.03 (-48.12)

Paris:

CAC-40	1952.94 (-16.42)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	666.80 (-4.10)

London:

FT 30	2397.4 (-29.1)
FT 100	3079.8 (-41.6)
FT-SE Mid 250	3628.4 (-50.7)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1360.68 (-6.73)
FT A All-Share	1546.37 (-20.21)
FT Non Financials	1671.24 (-21.23)
FT Gold Mines	273.9 (+0.7)
FT Fixed Interest	107.83 (-0.19)
FT Govt Secs	90.44 (-0.56)
Bargains	24312
SEAQ Volume	539.6m
USM (Datastrm)	161.52 (-0.05)
US$	1.5688 (+0.0081)
German Mark	2.4112 (-0.0071)
Exchange Index	79.2 (same)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

RECENT ISSUES

Baillie Giff Shn Npn Wts	78½	-1
Beacon Inv Tst (100)	96	+1
Beacon Inv Tst Wts	39	...
Cont'l Foods Wts	1¼	...
INVESCO Jap Disc	90	...
INVESCO Jap Disc Wts	46	-1
JF Fledge Japan Wts	60	-1
Magnum Power	61	-4
Orbis (23)	29	...
Panther Wts	17	...
Petroceltic	26	...
Suter Wts 99/04	33	...
TR Euro Gwth Ptg (100)	105	...
Tops Estates Wts	29	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Comm Union n/p (475)	54	...
EMAP n/p (360)	25	-4
Weir Group n/p (252)	20	-8

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

W Canning	199p (+10p)
Assoc Brit Ports	272p (+9p)
Oxford Inst	328p (+6p)
Servomex	262p (+7p)
Carlton Comm	875p (+19p)
Thomson Corp	775p (+10p)
Sappi	868½p (+12p)

FALLS:

Barclays	585p (-10p)
Cater Allen	525p (-12p)
HSBC	722p (-17p)
Bletchley Motors	275p (-22p)
Blenheim Group	215p (-28p)
Pearson	589p (-13p)
Burmah Castrol	891p (-17p)
Ranger	405p (-15p)
Hambros	272p (-16p)
SG Warburg	717p (-12p)
Abbey	155p (-10p)
RMC Group	956p (-24p)
Redland	505p (-10p)
ADT	690p (-10p)
Inchcape	415p (-17p)
GUS	538p (-19p)
Br Aerospace	478p (-16p)

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TEMPUS

The good life

THE Prudential has suffered such a hail of criticism over its lone stand against the Personal Investment Authority, and Lautro's examination of its sales techniques that an outsider might think its customers were fleeing in busloads. On the contrary, the group has not looked in such rude health for years and has finally untied the last of the *millstones that hung around its neck at the* start of the decade.

The damage done by the publicity over life assurance was plain to see in the volatile accruals accounts that the hair-shirted Pru is now publishing alongside the see-no-evil statutory accounting method. The 15 per cent fall in profits from new business to £158 *million was a direct result of the fall in sales of* long-term products in Britain. But the Pru is adapting quickly to the radical changes in the savings market. The growth of sales of equity-based products such as PEPs should help to protect it from the fallout from full commission disclosure next year.

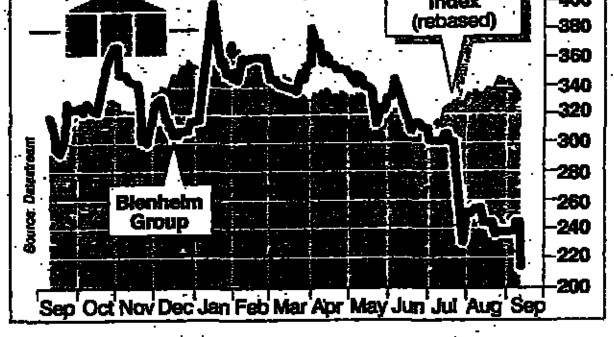
The group's core business and Jackson National, in America, can demonstrate their strength now the group has finally cauterised its underperformers. Mick Newmarch must be particularly heartened that even Mercantile & General's general reinsurance operation, that perennial underperformer, has pulled its underwriting account to break-even.

On the regulatory front, Mr Newmarch seems determined to tough it out, which may be a painful option since Lautro is unlikely to be cowed into submission. Even so, the 5.7 per cent forward yield the shares offer is worth suffering a little heat for.

Blenheim

BLENHEIM Group's recent history seems to be littered with profit warnings. Last year its relationship with the City was dealt a near fatal blow when a cash-raising exercise was quickly followed by a series of profit downgrades. This year problems in France have forced the group to warn again that profits will be below budget. No wonder Staffan Svenby, managing director, yesterday admitted that forecasting was not Blenheim's forte.

The group is now clearly anxious to improve its pre*carious relations with the* City. It promises cost-cutting, a new management team and organic rather than acquisition-led growth. This all sounds laudable but it is unlikely to make for exciting, or possibly even pedestrian, profit growth. Excluding acquisitions, the operating profit from ongoing operations was flat in the first half. The fact is Blenheim has needed acquisitions to keep earnings moving ahead. To generate growth without them will require the group to change fundamentally the way it has operated to date. It needs a lower cost base and a more sales-orientated culture. This is no mean feat and will take time to achieve. In the interim there is still plenty of opportunity for the group to disappoint as it awaits recovery in France. The shares, which last year went below 300p, could yet breach 200p and are best avoided until clearer evidence of management progress emerges.



ECC

WITH two bounds English China Clays has escaped the shackles of the recession, but its profit and loss account is still overshadowed by its former imprisonment. The 30 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits may look impressive but it is wholly meaningless since it is stuffed with one-off housing land sales and inflated with a first-time contribution from Calgon and a last-time contribution from Camas, before its demerger.

The underlying growth in ECC's two main minerals divisions by contrast was less than 1 per cent, held back by *reorganisation costs in* Europe and tighter margins in America. This is not the sort of growth that the market expects from a premium-rated recovery stock.

Neither is the performance of Calgon, ECC's much-prized addition, particularly dazzling. Its speciality chemicals business is admittedly weighted towards the second half and interim profits did rise 17 per cent, but the business still has quite a bit further to go to justify the £202 million purchase price.

The demerger of Camas and the disposal of much of its housebuilding land gives ECC the balance sheet strength to sit and wait for demand to strengthen in its markets. But gearing is still 30 per cent despite last year's rights issue, which leave the group little elbow room to acquire additional earnings. The shares, at 379p, trade on 18 times current year earnings forecasts, which is a healthy enough premium for the present.

ABP

ANY company with an operating margin of 42 per cent would normally be considered under threat from competition but ports are a funny business. Having invested in re-equipping Southampton and other operations, ABP has virtually turned itself into an unmanned cash machine with most of the port labour functions operated by contractors.

ABP cannot ignore competition: it does not enjoy hegemony over the handling of sea-going vessels and their cargos in the way that BAA dominates the airborne variety. Britain is an island with many ports and Rotterdam is a natural doorway to Europe, a position Southampton is now successfully challenging with cost and geographical advantages.

The concern for ABP is what to do with its burgeoning cash flow. Last year the company had about £50 mil*lion to spare after paying div*idends, interest and tax. Expenditure on port facilities remains high, but worthwhile projects depend on attracting new customers. To avoid an embarassment of riches the company should be reducing its dividend cover.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	956-952	Dec	1073-1072
Dec	984-983	Mar	1090-1085
Mar	1015-1014	May	1098-1090
May	1028-1025	Jul	1105-1098
Jul	1042-1039		
Sep	1055-1052		Volume: 2436

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	3950-3940	May	3690-3670
Nov	3840-3831	Jul	3670-3650
Jan	3795-3740	Sep	3700-3670
Mar	3730-3720		Volume 7456

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	329.5-28.7
Spot: 344.40		Aug	329.5-28.3
Oct	335.5-35.0	Oct	313.0-12.0
Dec	329.0-28.7	Dec	312.8-09.5
Mar	329.5-29.2		Volume: 2299

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 13

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	73.90	86.59	115.13
(+/-)	-1.73	-1.74	-0.12
Eng/Wales	73.45	86.57	113.13
(+/-)	-2.13	-1.97	-0.43
(%)	+3.0	-12.0	+3.0
Scotland	77.43	96.70	121.06
(+/-)	+1.54	-0.56	-0.66
(%)	-31.0	-2.0	+33.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.30	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Oct)	15.65	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Nov)	15.85	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	16.85	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.05	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 171 (-9)	O: 175 (-8)
Gasoil EEC	148 (-2)	149 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Oct	149 (-2)	150 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Nov	152 (-1)	154 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	70 (n/c)	72 (n/c)
Naphtha	156 (-3)	157 (-3)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Oct	148.75-49.00	Jan	156.25-56.50
Nov	152.00-52.25	Feb	157.00-57.50
Dec	154.50 BID		Vol: 49505

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	15.70-15.71	Jan	16.25 SLR
Nov	15.92-15.94	Feb	16.30-16.35
Dec	16.12 SLR		Vol. 49505

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	106.50	Sep	102.50
Nov	107.85	Nov	104.50
Jan	109.85	Jan	106.65
Mar	111.90	Mar	109.10
May	114.05	May	110.90
Volume 489		Volume: 15

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	225.0	226.5
May	unq	240.0
		Volume 107

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Oct 75.25-75.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 94	1565	1552	1568
Oct 94	1575	1551	1577
Nov 94	1576	1551	1575
Jan 95	1545	1540	1545

Vol: 147 lots Open Interest: 2347

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2492.0-2493.0	2507.0-2508.0	1396175
Lead ($/tonne)	611.00-612.00	623.00-624.00	309000
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	977.00-977.50	1000.0-1000.5	520525
Tin ($/tonne)	5270.0-5280.0	5350.0-5355.0	18555
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1564.0-1565.0	1588.0-1589.0	1063950
Nickel ($/tonne)	6480.0-6485.0	6584.0-6586.0	199602

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon	540	46½	—	—	4	—	—
(*579)	580	15	—	—	22	—	—
Argyll	280	15	23	30	9½	16½	22½
(*294)	300	6	13½	21	22	24	33½
ASDA	60	8½	11	11½	2	3½	5
(*66)	70	2½	5	6½	6½	8½	10
Boots	500	40½	48	60½	4	13½	19½
(*531)	550	9½	21½	34½	26	37½	43½
Br Airways	390	17½	29	39½	12½	22½	28
(*392½)	420	5½	16	27	32½	40	45½
BP	390	35	44	51	4	9½	15
(*417½)	420	14½	26	34	14½	21	28
Br Steel	140	13	17½	21	3	6½	8½
(*149)	160	3½	7½	12	14½	17½	19
C & W	390	34	45½	55½	7	16½	22½
(*413)	420	16	29½	40½	20	30½	36½
CU	493	44	57½	63	4	9½	19
(*527)	543	12½	27½	35½	24½	31½	45
ICI	800	44	66	79½	12½	27	41½
(*824)	850	17	36½	52½	38	51½	68
Kingfshr	460	34	49½	61	8½	17	24
(*486)	500	14½	27	40½	26½	36½	43
Land Sec	600	23½	34	48	9½	19½	24½
(*608)	650	4	12½	24½	44½	51½	54
M & S	390	24	32½	41	5½	15½	16
(*405½)	420	8	17½	25½	20	26½	30½
Nat West	460	39	53½	60½	7½	15½	24
(*497)	500	15½	30	38½	24½	31½	44
Sainsbury	420	26	36½	47	10½	21	29½
(*433)	460	6½	18	28½	33	42½	47½
Shell	700	27	44½	54	12	20½	32
(*723)	750	6	19½	28½	44	50	60½
Smkl Bch	420	23½	34	43½	11½	21	27½
(*429)	460	6½	16	25	36	45	50½
Storehse	200	10½	16	20½	6	11	14½
(*202½)	220	2½	7	11½	20½	23½	26½
Trafalgar	80	12	14½	17½	2	4½	5½
(*89)	90	5	8½	12	5½	8½	10½
Unilever	1100	42½	61½	82½	17½	35	49½
(*1113)	1150	16½	35½	56	45½	62½	79½
Zeneca	800	57½	73	84½	8½	19½	34½
(*835)	850	21	44	55½	31	41	59½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	390	32½	41	47	11½	18½	23
(*407½)	420	16	24½	31½	25½	34½	38
Ladbroke	160	9½	17	20½	10½	13½	17½
(*169)	180	4	9	12½	25½	27½	31
Utd Bisc	300	29	34	39	7	12	19
(*319)	330	11½	18	23½	22½	26½	35½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	475	31	39	49½	5½	12½	16
(*496)	500	14½	24½	34½	15½	23	27
Thames W	460	37	43½	51	5½	17	19
(*487½)	500	13½	23	30½	23	36	39
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	390	37½	49½	54½	7½	12½	21
(*415)	420	19½	31	36½	19½	25½	35½
BTR	300	25½	34½	40	5½	10	19½
(*330½)	330	11½	19½	26	21	25½	31½
Br Aero	460	37	53	63	19½	29	38
(*477½)	500	19½	33	44	41½	52	60
Br Telcm	360	29½	33½	40	5½	12½	15
(*379)	390	12	17	24	19	28	31
Cadbury	420	41	50½	55	3	9½	16
(*455½)	460	15½	27	32½	21½	26½	35
Guinness	460	22	33	39½	16½	22½	29
(*463½)	500	6½	15½	22½	45	49½	54
GEC	280	16	20	26	8	13½	16
(*284)	300	6½	11½	17	20½	24½	26½
Hanson	240	11½	15	18½	9	13½	17
(*240)	260	4	7	11	22½	26	29½
LASMO	154	12	—	—	8½	—	—
(*155)	160	5½	7	10	28½	30	31½
Lucas	180	15	19½	23½	8½	12½	15½
(*188½)	200	5½	11	14½	21	24½	27½
Pilkingtn	180	15½	18	23	6½	11	13
(*186)	200	5½	9½	14	18½	23	25
Prudential	300	21	28	32½	10	14	20½
(*314)	330	7	14	18	27	30½	37
Redland	500	24½	37½	46½	22½	28	43
(*504)	550	7½	18	26	59	63	75½
Royal Ins	260	21	29½	35	12½	17½	23½
(*285)	300	12½	19½	26	28	28	34½
Tesco	240	13	19½	25	11	16	19½
(*242½)	260	3½	11	16½	24	27½	31
Vodafone	183	16½	21	—	6½	11	—
(*190)	200	8	12½	17	19½	20	22
Williams	325	26	—	—	20½	—	—
(*341)	354	10½	—	—	20½	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3079)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Sep	132	82	32	9	2	1½
Oct	141	105	76	52	32	18
Nov	166	130	101	75	54	39
Dec	196	153	124	97	75	56
Jun	—	248	—	193	—	148
Puts						
Sep	2½	5	16	44	92	142
Oct	30	43	65	90	122	160
Nov	46	61	81	106	136	172
Dec	64	82	103	127	155	187
Jun	—	137	—	181	—	237

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	390	19	32½	41	5	12½	22
(*402)	420	4	16½	25½	23	28½	38
Amstrad	25	5½	6½	7	1	1½	2½
(*29½)	30	1½	3	4	2	4	4½
Barclays	550	38	56	68½	1½	13	22
(*584)	600	6	27	41	21	34½	46½
Blue Circ	280	16½	25	33	3½	11½	17
(*292½)	300	4½	15	23	15	22½	27½
Br Gas	280	13½	19½	25	2½	11½	15
(*290)	300	3	10	16½	15	23	24½
Dixons	180	15	23	26	2	7	11½
(*191½)	200	3	12	15½	11½	17	22
Forte	220	7	14½	20½	5	12½	16½
(*222)	240	2	6½	12	20	25	29
Hillsdwn	160	19½	22½	27	1	4	6
(*177)	180	4	9½	15½	6	13	15
Lonrho	130	5½	12½	15½	4	7	12
(*131½)	140	2	7½	11	11	14½	18
Sears	110	6½	9½	13	2	4½	6
(*114½)	120	1½	5	7½	7½	9½	12
Thrn Eml	1000	26½	61	76	12½	33½	50
(*1011½)	1050	6	36	52	46½	61	75
Tomkins	220	11½	19½	24	3	8½	13
(*227)	240	2½	10½	14½	15½	19½	24
TSB	200	20½	26½	31	1½	5½	10½
(*217)	220	5½	14½	18½	7	13½	19½
Wellcome	650	41	68	86	5	24½	35
(*682½)	700	11	40	59	27½	48	59½
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo	550	44½	59½	68½	14	27	40
(*591)	600	12	31½	45	41½	54½	67½
HSBC	700	49	74	94½	22½	41½	62½
(*721½)	750	25	51	70	49	67½	90
Reuter	4750	25	—	—	11½	—	—
(*481.5)	4875	18	—	—	17	—	—
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	180	13½	18½	23	8½	12½	16½
(*184)	200	6	10½	14	21½	25	29
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Fisons	120	6	12	15½	3½	8½	11
(*122½)	130	3	7½	11	9½	15	17
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	750	44½	62½	78	33½	47	56
(*752)	800	22½	41	56	63½	76	96
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Natl Pwr	460	18½	34	45	5½	20½	26
(*471½)	500	3	15½	27	31½	41½	47
Scot Pwr	360	15	31½	37½	5	16	20½
(*369)	390	3½	17½	23	25	32	36

September 14, 1994 Tot: 40048 Call: 21564 Put: 18484 FT-SE Call: 10940 Put: 9095

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 62504)	Sep 94	3120.0	3120.0	3060.0	3064.0	23045
	Dec 94	3130.0	3130.0	3069.0	3073.5	9905
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 535944)	Sep 94	94.15	94.18	94.12	94.13	17089
	Dec 94	93.36	93.37	93.21	93.23	48099
	Mar 95	92.58	92.58	92.42	92.43	22429
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 6668)	Sep 94	94.95	94.96	94.94	94.94	392
	Dec 94	94.26	94.26	94.26	94.26	40
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 786507)	Sep 94	94.97	94.98	94.93	94.93	19101
	Dec 94	94.82	94.82	94.68	94.70	59850
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 119128)	Sep 94	100-14	100-14	99-20	99-17	1144
	Dec 94	100-01	100-06	98-20	98-25	87136
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	108.04	108.06	107.92	107.98	1168
	Mar 95				107.13	0
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 144317)	Dec 94	89.10	89.24	88.58	88.64	146480
	Mar 95	87.95	88.00	87.95	87.84	20
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 0)	Dec 94					
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 22884)	Sep 94	94.08	94.08	94.04	94.05	436
	Dec 94	93.47	93.47	93.41	93.44	1107
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 53090)	Sep 94	95.93	95.93	95.91	95.93	1059
	Dec 94	95.52	95.55	95.51	95.54	3682
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 62490)	Dec 94	96.63	97.22	96.55	96.69	43524
	Mar 95	96.20	96.35	96.20	95.99	420

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾. **Finance Hse** 5¾.
Discount Market Loans: O/night high. 5¼ Low 4¼ Week fixed: 5
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 5¹¹⁄₃₂ ; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5¹¹⁄₃₂; 3 mth: 5⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅛-5¼	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5½	6-5¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5½	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6¼-6⅛	7⅜-7¼
Interbank:	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5½	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6¼-6⅛	7⅜-7¼
Overnight: open 4¾, close 6¼.					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅝	6⅛	7
Sterling CDs:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6¼-6	7⅛-6¹⁵⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	4.81	n/a	4.98	5.34	5.89
Building Society CDs:	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5½	5¹³⁄₁₆-5⅝	6¼-6⅛	7⅛-7

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Aug 31, 1994 Agreed rates Sep 25, 1994 to Oct 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.82%. Reference rate July 30, 1994 to Aug 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.576%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4¹¹⁄₁₆-4⁹⁄₁₆	4¾-4⅝	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅝-5½	4⅞-3⅞
Deutschemark:	5-4⅞	5-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅜-5¼	5-4
French Franc:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¾-5⅝	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-4⅞
Swiss Franc:	3⅞-3¾	3⅞-3¹³⁄₁₆	4-3⅞	4⅛-4	4⅛-3½
Yen:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2¼-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	2⅛-1⅛

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $390.30-390.70 Close: $390.20-390.70 High: $390.40-390.90 Low: $389.50-390.00 AM: $390.40 PM: $390.30

Krugerrand: $392.00-394.00 (£249.50-251.50)

Platinum: $417.50 (£266.70) **Silver:** $5.47 (£3.485) **Palladium:** $149.55 (£95.55)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 14	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7045-2.7150	2.7045-2.7079	¼pr-par	½-¼pr
Brussels	49.60-50.62	49.60-49.71	3pr-par	6-1pr
Copenhagen	9.5120-9.5570	9.5120-9.5260	⅝-⅞ds	1½-3ds
Dublin	1.0128-1.0164	1.0128-1.0155	1pr-1ds	5-10pr
Frankfurt	2.4108-2.4217	2.4108-2.4140	¼pr-par	⅜-¼pr
Lisbon	245.45-246.68	245.45-246.09	92-115ds	290-335ds
Madrid	200.28-201.01	200.28-200.57	29-52ds	95-132ds
Milan	2448.70-2456.90	2445.70-2452.70	5-7ds	17-20ds
Montreal	2.1146-2.1290	2.1172-2.1202	0.08-0.03pr	0.12pr-par
New York	1.5656-1.5696	1.5674-1.5684	0.08-0.06pr	0.26-0.23pr
Oslo	10.592-10.633	10.592-10.608	½-1ds	2⅞-3⅝ds
Paris	8.2340-8.2570	8.2340-8.2490	par-¼ds	¼-½pr
Stockholm	11.7190-11.9130	11.7880-11.9130	1⅞-2⅞ds	6¼-7ds
Tokyo	154.81-155.47	155.19-155.47	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Vienna	16.95-17.06	16.95-16.99	1¼-1⅛pr	4⅞-2⅞pr
Zurich	2.0023-2.0209	2.0023-2.0082	⅝-½pr	⅞-⅝pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3491-1.3500
Austria	10.84-10.85
Belgium (Com)	31.70-31.73
Canada	1.3510-1.3515
Denmark	6.0877-6.0897
France	5.2722-5.2752
Germany	1.5410-1.5415
Hong Kong	7.7268-7.7273
Ireland	1.5435-1.5450
Italy	1564.00-1566.00
Japan	98.92-98.97
Malaysia	2.5525-2.5535
Netherlands	1.7281-1.7286
Norway	6.7705-6.7725
Portugal	157.10-157.40
Singapore	1.4881-1.4886
Spain	128.05-128.15
Sweden	7.5252-7.5327
Switzerland	1.2805-1.2815

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5647-1.5673
Australia dollar	2.1134-2.1156
Bahrain dinar	0.5840-0.5960
Brazil real*	1.3344-1.3385
Cyprus pound	0.7295-0.7395
Finland markka	7.7095-7.8255
Greece drachma	363.50-370.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.1002-12.1087
India rupee	48.65-49.61
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4605-0.4705
Malaysia ringgit	3.9972-4.0013
Mexico peso	5.25-5.35
New Zealand dollar	2.5983-2.6043
Pakistan rupee	47.43 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8345-5.9605
Singapore dollar	2.3206-2.3319
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9617-7.0133
S Africa rand (com)	5.5583-5.5667
U A E dirham	5.6880-5.8120

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	8,600	Legal & Gn	457
Abbey Natl	2,800	Lloyds Bk	1,600
Alld-Lyons	1,200	MEPC	835
Argyll Gp	1,600	Marks Spr	5,900
Arjo Wiggn	1,000	NFC	1,700
AB Foods	49	NatWst Bk	4,100
BAA	1,200	Nat Power	2,200
BAT Inds	2,300	Nth Wst W	633
BOC	660	P & O	1,600
BP	13,000	Pearson	790
BTR	9,000	PowerGen	851
BT	9,100	Prudential	5,600
Bk of Scot	1,200	RMC	150
Barclays	5,700	RTZ	1,100
Bass	3,000	Rank Org	2,700
Blue Circle	664	Reckitt Col	389
Boots	1,300	Redland	909
Bowater	2,500	Reed Ind	1,300
Brit Aero	1,700	Rentokil	2,100
Brit Airwys	3,200	Reuters	2,200
Brit Gas	6,200	Rolls Royce	2,500
Brit Steel	11,000	Ryl Ins	3,100
Burmah Cast	671	Ryl Bk Scot	884
Cable Wire	5,000	Sainsbury	1,900
Cadbury	1,100	Scot & New	1,000
Caradon	1,500	Scot Power	1,200
Carlton Cms	2,200	Sears	7,000
Coats Vyla	1,500	Svrn Trent	986
Cm Union	607	Shell Trans	4,000
Courtaulds	1,200	Siebe	1,100
De La Rue	427	SmKl Bch	3,300
Eastern Elec	1,100	Smith Nph	1,700
Enterpr Oil	903	Southern Elec	368
Forte	2,400	Std Chartd	2,300
GKN	1,500	Sun Allnce	2,900
GRE	1,400	TI Gp	306
GUS	1,600	TSB	1,400
Gen Acc	1,100	Tesco	3,900
Gen Elec	4,200	Thames W	1,000
Glaxo	4,200	Thrn EMI	380
Granada	1,500	Tomkins	764
Grand Met	3,000	Unilever	759
Guinness	1,500	Utd Bisc	449
HSBC	1,900	Vodafone	7,400
Hanson	4,400	Warburg (SG)	435
ICI	2,000	Wellcome	1,200
Inchcape	1,600	Whitbread	699
Kingfisher	2,100	Wlms Hld	887
Ladbroke	4,000	Wolseley	357
Land Secs	1,100	Zeneca	3,600

	Sep 14 midday	Sep 13 close
AMP Inc	72½	72½
AMR Corp	55½	56
AT & T	54½	53¾
Abbott Labs	30½	30
Aetna Life	48½	48½
Alumanon (HT)	22½	22½
Air Prod & Chem	47	47½
Albertson's	28½	28½
Alcan Alumnm	26½	26½
Alco Standard	63	63½
Allied Signal	35½	35½
Alum Co of Am	84½	84
Amax Gold Inc	7	6¾
Amerada Hess	45½	47½
Amer Brands	34½	34½
Amer Cyanamid	98½	98½
Amer El Power	29½	29½
Amer Express	30½	30½
Amer Genl Corp	28½	29½
Amer Home Pr	58½	58½
Amer Intl	90½	91½
Amer Stores	24½	24
Ameritech	41½	41½
Amoco	58½	58½
Anheuser-Busch	53	53½
Apple Computer	35	35¾
Archer Daniels	24½	24½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	48	48½
Asarco	31	30½
Ashland Oil	35½	35½
Atl Richfield	104½	105
Auto Data Pro	54½	54½
Avery Dennison	33½	33½
Avon Products	59½	60½
Baker Hughes	18½	19
Baltim Gas & El	21½	21½
Banc One	33½	33½
BankAmerica	48½	48½
Bank of NY	31½	31½
Bankers Tr NY	69½	69½
Barnett Banks	46½	46½
Bausch & Lomb	38½	38½
Baxter Intl	27½	28
Becton Dicksn	44½	44½
Bell Atlantic	52½	52½
BellSouth	58½	56½
Black & Decker	22	21½
Block (H&R)	44½	45
Boeing	45½	45½
Boise Cascade	28½	28½
Borden Inc	13½	13½
Bristol Myrs Sq	58	58
Browning Ferris	30	29½
Brunswick	21½	22½
Burlington Nthn	52½	52½
CBS	343½	337½
CNA Financial	61	61½
CPC Intl	51½	51½
CSX	72½	72½
Campbell Soup	38½	38½
Can Pacific	17½	17½
Cpt Cities ABC	83	82½
Carolina Pwr	25½	25½
Caterpillar	54½	53½
Central & SW	21½	21½
Champion Intl	35½	36½
Chase Manhat	35½	36
Chemical Bk	36½	36½
Chevron Corp	43½	43½
Chrysler	46½	46½
Chubb Corp	70½	70½
Cigna Corp	64½	65
Citicorp	43½	43½
Clorox	51	50½
Coastal Corp	29½	30½
Coca Cola	45½	46
Colgate-Palmolive	54½	53½
Columbia Gas	27½	27
Compaq Comp	35½	35½
Comp Ass Int	39½	39½
Conagra	31½	31½
Cons Edison	23½	23½
Cons Nat Gas	39½	40
Cons Rail	52½	52
Cooper Inds	39½	39½
Corning Inc	30½	30½
Crown Cork	36½	35½
Dana Corp	28½	27½
Dayton Hudson	80½	79½
Deere	71½	71
Delta Air Lines	47½	47½
Deluxe Corp	30½	31½
Detroit Edison	25½	25½
Digital Equip	24½	24½
Dillard Dept St	28	28½
Disney (Walt)	41½	42½
Dominion Res	36	36
Donelley (RR)	30½	29½
Dover Corp	56	55½
Dow Chemical	75	75½
Dow Jones	30½	31
Dresser	20½	20½
Duke Power	38½	38½
Dun & Bradstreet	58½	58½
Du Pont	58½	58½
Eastman Kodak	52½	51½
Eaton Corp	50½	50½
Emerson Elec	60½	60½
Engelhard Corp	26½	26½

	Sep 14 midday	Sep 13 close
Enron Corp	30½	30½
Entergy	23	23
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	58½	59
FMC Corp	57½	57½
FPL Group	30½	30½
Federal Express	69½	69
Fed Nat Mtge	86½	86½
First Chicago	47½	47½
First Interstate	80½	80½
First Union Rlty	6½	6½
Fleet Finl Grp	38½	38½
Fluor Corp	50½	50½
Ford Motor	28½	28½
GTE Corp	30	30½
Gannett	49½	49½
Gap Inc Del	36½	36½
Gen Dynamics	45½	45
Gen Electric	50½	49½
Gen Mills	54½	53½
Gen Motors	50	49½
Gen Reinsurance	106½	107½
Gen Signal	35½	35½
Genuine Parts	35	35
Georgia Pac	72	73
Gillette	70	69½
Glaxo ADR	18½	18½
Goodrich (BF)	45½	45½
Goodyear Tire	33½	33½
Grace (WR)	41½	40½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23½	23½
Great Wstn Fin	20	20½
Halliburton	30½	30½
Harcourt General	33½	33
Heinz (HJ)	37½	37½
Hercules	103½	102½
Hershey Foods	44½	44½
Hewlett Packard	90½	89½
Hilton Hotels	61½	61½
Home Depot	43½	43½
Homestake Mng	19½	20½
Honeywell	35½	35½
Household Intl	37½	37½
Houston Inds	35½	35
Humana	22½	23½
ITT Corp	81½	81½
Illinois Tool	41½	42½
Illinova	18½	19
INCO	29½	29½
Ingersoll Rand	36½	36½
Inland Steel	39½	39½
Intel Corp	64½	65½
IBM	69½	69½
Intl Flav & Fr	42½	42½
Intl Paper	74½	74½
James River Va	23½	24
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	49	49½
Kellogg	54½	54½
Kerr-McGee	48½	48½
Kimberly-Clark	58	57½
Kmart	17½	17½
Knight-Ridder	51½	51½
Lilly (Eli)	55½	56½
Limited Inc	21	21½
LIN Brdcstng	134½	135½
Lincoln Nat	37½	37½
Litton	38	38½
Liz Claiborne	21½	21½
Lockheed	73½	73½
Louisiana Pac	34½	35½
MCI Comm	23½	23½
Marriott Int	27½	28
Marsh & McLnn	80½	80½
Masco Corp	26½	27½
May Dept St	40	40
Maytag Corp	16½	16½
McCaw Cellular	53½	53½
McDonalds	27½	27½
McDonnell D	114½	114½
McGraw Hill	72½	72½
Mead Corp	49½	49½
Medtronic	97½	97½
Mellon Bk	58½	59½
Melville Corp	37½	37½
Merck Inc	33½	33½
Merrill Lynch	37½	37½
Minnesota Mine	55½	55½
Mobil Corp	81	81½
Monsanto	83½	84½
Morgan (JP)	63½	62½
Motorola Inc	53	53½
Natl Medical	18½	18½
Natl Semi	17	17
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	15½	15½
NBD Bancorp	30	29½
NY Times A	23½	22½
Newmont Mng	44½	44½
Niag Mohawk	12½	12½
Nike B	64½	64½
NL Industries	11½	11½
Noram Energy	6½	6½
Nordstrom	45	44½
Norfolk Sthrn	62	61½
Nthn State Pwr	41	41½
Norwest Corp	26½	26½
Nynex Corp	37	37½
Occidental Pet	21½	21½
Ohio Edison	18½	18½
Oracle Systems	43½	43½

	Sep 14 midday	Sep 13 close
Oryx Energy Co	14½	14½
Owens Corning	34½	34½
PNC Financial	27½	27½
PPG Industries	40½	40½
Paccar Inc	48½	49½
Pacificorp	16	16½
Pac Enterprises	20½	21
Pac Gas & Elect	22½	22½
Pac Telesis	32	31½
Pall Corp	16½	16½
Panhandle East	22½	22½
Parker Hannifin	48½	48½
Peco Energy	24½	25
Penney (JC)	52½	53½
Pennzoil	50½	50½
Pepsico	33	33
Pfizer	66½	66½
Phelps Dodge	61½	61
Philip Morris	59½	59½
Phillips Pet	34½	34½
Pitney Bowes	37	37
Polaroid	33½	34
PriceCostco	15½	15½
Procter & Gmbl	58	58½
Pub Serv E & G	24½	24½
Quaker Oats	81½	79½
Ralston Purina	40½	40½
Raychem Corp	39½	39½
Raytheon	66½	66½
Reebok Intl	37	37½
Reynolds Metals	53½	54½
Roadway Srvcs	59½	59½
Rockwell Intl	35½	35½
Rohm & Haas	57½	58½
Royal Dutch	111½	111½
Rubbermaid	27½	27½
Safeco Corp	54½	54½
St Paul's Cos	40½	41
Salomon Inc	40½	40½
Santa Fe Pac	22½	16½
Sara Lee Corp	22½	22½
Scecorp	12½	12½
Schering Plough	69	69½
Schlumberger	55½	56
Scott Paper	63½	63½
Seagram	31½	31½
Sears Roebuck	49½	49½
Shell Trans	68	68½
Sherwin Wlms	32½	32½
Skyline Corp	21½	21½
Snap-On-Tools	35½	35½
Southern Co	17½	17½
Sthwestern Bell	40½	41½
Sprint Corp	38½	38½
Stanley Works	41½	41½
Sun Company	27	27
Sun Microsys	27½	28
Suntrust	50½	50½
Supervalu	28½	28½
Syntex Corp	23½	23½
Sysco Corp	25½	25½
TRW Inc	72½	72½
TCC Inds	3	3
Tandem Comp	14½	14½
Tandy Corp	41½	41½
Teledyne	16½	17½
Temple Inland	54½	54½
Tenneco	46½	46½
Texaco	61½	62½
Texas Inst	75½	75½
Texas Utilities	30½	29½
Textron	52½	52½
Time Warner	36½	36½
Times-Mirror	31½	31½
Timken	38½	38½
Torchmark	40½	41½
Toys R Us	36½	36½
Transamerica	51	51½
Travelers	34½	35½
Tribune	54½	55½
Tyco Labs	45½	46½
UST Inc	30	30
UAL	97	97½
USX Marathon	17½	17½
Unicom	21½	21½
Unilever NV	112½	115½
Union Camp	50½	50½
Union Carbide	33½	33½
Union Pacific	56½	58½
Unisys Corp	10½	10½
USAIR Group	5½	5½
USF&G Corp	13½	13½
US Life	35½	35½
US West	39½	39½
United Tech	63½	63½
Unocal Corp	27½	28½
Upjohn	35½	36½
VF Corp	50½	51½
WMX Tech	26	26½
Wal-Mart Stores	25½	26
Warner-Lambert	80½	80½
Wells Fargo	152½	152½
Westinghouse El	13½	13½
Weyerhaeuser	46½	44½
Whirlpool	53½	53½
Whitman	17	16½
Winn Dixie	50	50½
Woolworth	17½	18
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	49½	49½
Xerox	104	104½

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ECONOMIC VIEW  ANTHONY HARRIS

When fine-tuning is irrelevant

Japanese hesitancy has done far more than action by the world's central banks to restrain inflation

THE FINANCIAL TIDES AND THE MEN WHO CANNOT CONTROL THEM



Left to right: Eddie George, of the Bank of England, Alan Greenspan, of the US Federal Reserve, and Yasushi Mieno, of the Bank of Japan

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTS (in $bn)

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994*
Current account	-37	-33	-14	-19	-16	-4
Direct outward	-35	-19	-16	-20	-28	-17
Portfolio outward	-60	-29	-52	-59	-142	+191
Total	-132	-81	-81	-97	-184	+120
FINANCED BY:						
Direct inward	31	33	16	17	13	9
Portfolio inward	28	14	34	38	59	80
Short term borrowing	66	34	36	39	113	-211
UK Reserves rises**	9	0	-5	3	-1	2

* Q1 annualised ** increase=minus figure

USA INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTS (in $bn)

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994*
Current account	-103	-92	-7	-68	-120	-128
Direct outward	-37	-30	-31	-41	-58	-82
Portfolio outward	-22	-29	-45	-45	-120	-108
Total	-162	-151	-83	-154	-282	-318
FINANCED BY:						
Direct inward	66	48	26	10	21	32
Portfolio inward	68	-1	54	67	105	180
Short term borrowing	17	70	-14	36	84	122
Foreign $ reserves	9	34	17	41	72	45

JAPANESE ACCOUNTS Sources of foreign currency

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994*
Current account	57	36	-7	118	132	138
Direct inward	-1	2	1	3	0	0
Portfolio inward	75	35	115	8	-11	184
Total	131	73	109	129	121	322
RECYCLED AS:						
Direct outward	44	48	31	17	14	20
Portfolio outward	113	31	45	34	68	52
Short term lending	-38	-2	34	118	34	245
Official reserves	12	-4	-1	-40	21	25

Source: IMF

Back in February, the US Federal Reserve Open Market Committee (FOMC) decided, after agonised debate, to raise offical interest rates by 25 basis points. That modest move, which left official rates still well behind the rates actually being paid by banks in the federal funds market, was meant to reassure long-term investors. It was a signal: the period of aggressive rate cutting, deliberately designed to allow the near-bankrupt US commercial banking system to rebuild its capital at the taxpayers' expense, by borrowing cheap to invest in federal debt, was drawing to an end. Just a little trimming of the sails.

What followed must have left Alan Greenspan, the Fed Chairman, feeling like a housewife who lights a ring to boil the breakfast egg and sets off an explosion that brings the kitchen down. All over the world bond values collapsed — just the reverse of the soothing effect that the Fed had hoped to achieve. What it had inadvertently done was to prick a financial bubble, a huge credit-financed speculative position in bonds that had grown up in the long bond bull market; and a bulge in lending to finance this position may have helped to convince the FOMC that it was time to move.

Does this mean that official interest rates are far more important than anyone had supposed? One similar episode suggests that they are. The tightening of Japanese monetary policy in 1989 was openly intended to deflate the financial speculation that was ruling Japan: the "bubble economy". It does not seem likely, though, that the Bank of Japan intended to cause a 50 per cent fall in share prices: a banking crisis that is still largely unresolved, and a deep and obstinate economic recession. But the fact is that bubbles burst sooner or later, whether they are pricked or not: the appearance of central bank omnipotence is almost certainly an illusion based on timing.

The courtiers who believed that King Canute controlled the tides suffered the same illusion, and the king deliberately got his feet wet to prove them wrong; and central bankers sometimes seem to be following his example. The last Fed rate rise was twice as large as that first gingerly adjustment, but it led to a modest bonds rally; and so did the British move this week. The Fed move was universally expected; and although the British rise was generally reported as a shock, this was only its exact timing. Its direction was no surprise, as can be seen from the market, where expectations are directly traded: the long gilt future has not moved even a tick since the announcement. Even the strengthening of spot sterling since rates were raised was not, as was reported, a vote of confidence in Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor: it was largely a technical reflection of the fact that it is now a little more expensive to finance a short position in the pound. Some building societies raised lending rates, but others said that was a knee-jerk reaction: demand remains low and long rates, those most relevant to savers, have fallen a shade. In sum, very little has happened.

So a small interest rate adjustment can apparently bring the roof down, and a somewhat larger one pass off as a non-event. This is not the kind of world that most discussions of monetary policy seem to assume — a world in which the market is governed by the actions of central bankers, calmed when they are wise and independent, inflamed when they are venial or stupid. It is a world in which they often seem irrelevant. This might at first sight seem a comforting conclusion, but it begs a rather disquieting question: if the central bankers do not run the monetary world, who does?

The tables do not offer an explanation; they are more like a rogue's gallery, which suggests where to look for suspects. The point is not the IMF's precise figures (the columns do add up, but only with heroic aid from errors and omissions): it is their sheer size. They show that in the three main international financial centres, the current account is unrelated in size to total flows of private long-term capital (and in the British case, so small as to be irrelevant).

What is more, they usually have the wrong sign. Japan, the world's biggest long-term saver, usually receives more long-term investment than it makes abroad; the US has vast outflows on both current and long-term capital accounts. These inconsistencies are financed to a small extent by central banks, which buy foreign currencies, mainly dollars, largely for purposes of exchange-rate management, but chiefly by astronomical flows of international bank lending. These can fluctuate or even reverse overnight: in the first quarter of this year, for example, Britain was repaying hot money even faster than its record rate of borrowing in 1993. This vast international turbulence generates tidal flows that leave the central bankers paddling round high-water mark. They have large potential effects on domestic conditions; the US banks, for example, have increased their Eurodollar deposit base tenfold since 1991, a source of lending capacity quite outside the Fed's control. Lending is currently restrained, both in the US and in the UK, not by official monetary policy, but by the reluctance of private consumers and businesses to borrow. They sense that the world is potentially unstable.

It is also difficult to map. Even the sketchy figures we have are heavily distorted by the eddies generated by the hedge funds and other speculators, borrowing short and investing long. (It was the unwinding of their global bond positions that reversed the normal UK borrowing flow at the start of this year.) But the broad-brush picture of long-term funds flooding out of deficit countries (which therefore have to borrow), and trapped inside the biggest surplus country, show one those sea-changes that come over international finance every century or so, when financial hegemony passes from an old centre to a new one. London is what might be termed an active spectator, handling funds it does not generate. The ruler is New York, whose own assumption of leadership between the world wars was so messy. The new one is Tokyo, which is proving a slow and reluctant successor. Most important, perhaps, it is so far a uniquely incompetent one. It was Japanese demand that drove the dollar to ridiculous heights a decade ago; that cost Japanese institutional investors some $80 billion. They again were most active in inflating not only their own bubble, but most others: they are estimated to have lost more than $300 billion since 1989. Now they have retired hurt; and it is the shortage of Japanese inflows that has deflated bond markets, raised long-term interest rates and hampered investment everywhere else.

Japanese losses have financed the revivial of the yuppie lifestyle in New York and London, even in weak markets. But Japanese hesitancy has done far more than the world's combined central banks to moderate the world recovery and restrain confidence and inflation. If the central bankers were really frank, they would complain that their feet were wet, and join the rest of us in watching what remains an unpredictable tidal system.

The upwardly mobile phone firm

Colin Narbrough looks at a Finnish company that is a market leader in the world of telecommunications

Nokia, Europe's leading manufacturer of mobile phones and market leader in Britain, is out to prove that size is not everything in the fast-moving world of telecommunications. Jorma Ollila, a London School of Economics graduate and former executive at the London branch of Citicorp, the American bank, has produced a remarkable turnround of the Nokia group since his surprise appointment as president and chief executive in 1991.

In that year, the company acquired Technophone, the British mobile phonemaker, based at Camberley, with a reputation for strength in research and development.

From a loss-making, incoherent collection of businesses, ranging from rubber boots to cellular phones, Mr Ollila has restructured and refocused Nokia into a global force in mobile phones second only to Motorola, the American group.

Its position in the British market helped Nokia to bounce back to a pre-tax profit of 1.15 billion Finnmarks (£131 million) last year from a Fmk158 million loss in 1992. Sales surged 30 per cent to Fmk23.7 billion. The return on capital rose to almost 15 per cent from under 6 per cent. The debt equity ratio was cut to 52 per cent from 68 per cent. The figures for the first four months of this year show the telecommunications and mobile phone divisions producing rises in turnover of 56 and 45 per cent respectively.

> "Survival in Britain means survival anywhere"

Nokia regards Britain as a leading market in the telecommunications industry, one in which any company wishing to be a global player is tested to the limit. Survival in Britain means survival anywhere.

In July, it became the first Finnish company to secure a New York listing. The majority of its shares are now held outside Finland, but the Finnish institutions control 70 per cent of the voting shares, and there is no fear of the company falling into foreign control.

In spite of a global issue that raised Fmk2.5 billion in July, after a Fmk950 million share issue last year, the share price has continued to climb. The preferred stock offering in July was made at Fmk432 per share, which compares with its current price above Fmk550. Nokia's performance has been lifting the whole Helsinki stock market, one of the best performers in the world this year. When Mr Ollila took over at 41, the shares were about Fmk40.

Olli-Pekka Kallasvuo, Nokia's finance director, says it is Nokia's ability to exploit change that has allowed it to become a world leader in mobile telephony, telecommunications equipment and cable-making machinery. The telecommunications sector now accounts for more than 60 per cent of group sales.

But Nokia's acquisition spree of the Eighties almost proved fatal by 1989. To help to stem the damage, Nokia sold its computer division to Britain's ICL, and disposed of its traditional paper business. Even so, the company continued to pay dividends throughout the loss-making years from 1991 to 1993. Throughout the turbulence of the past few years, Nokia has retained an underlying faith in itself as an organisation and reinforced its early commitment to mobile telephony. Anssi Vanjoki, sales director of the mobile phone division, says that the "starting shot" of Nokia's serious growth in the field came in 1981, when the Nordic state telecommunications companies agreed on setting up a joint mobile phone system.

This early decision gave Nokia time to practice in its home market with the new age telephony equipment before it became available in other markets, such as Britain and America.

Mr Vanjoki sees Finland and other parts of the Nordic region as already having passed the crucial point at which mobile telephony starts to unleash the huge demand potential of the non-business market.

Nokia expects higher market penetration to lead to radio telephony becoming as widely acceptable to the general public as the wristwatch.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Singing solicitor pitches in

NOW for the tale of the singing solicitor, following last week's City Diary item about the singing executive. James Turnbull, 26, a corporate finance solicitor at Linklaters and Paines, has broken on to the television scene, or at least his voice has. Turnbull, a counter tenor who was a choral scholar at St John's College, Cambridge, where he also played rugby for the first XV, was recently roped in to help record the new title music for the BBC's *Rugby Special*, which recently went "live". Piers Schmidt, account director of identity consultants Newell and Sorrell, also a Cambridge musician and who conducted the recording, decided to gather a team of musical friends from the City, rather than professionals and called in his singing solicitor friend. Turnbull, who concedes that many a corporate deal is finally signed at dawn after all-night rehearsals, says the recording took a mere three hours.

Kingfisher para

IT helps to be super-fit when joining Kingfisher, where chairman Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy is a dedicated squash player, and corporate affairs director Nigel Whittaker is a serious marathon runner — Whittaker already has the London and the Paris marathons to his credit, on consecutive weekends. So who more appropriate to join the fit and healthy brigade than an ex-Parachute Regiment captain?



"That must be quite a football team"

Andrew Mills, 36, a former BZW analyst, a Falklands veteran, and latterly of BET, the business services group where he was the last survivor of a once 25-strong corporate affairs team, has packed his knapsack and set up his desk at Kingfisher as investor relations director. Surfacing from his first week, which included the release on Tuesday of Kingfisher's interim results, Mills says he was pleasantly surprised on his first day not to have been given a B&Q office desk in a flat-pack and told to put it together himself. "I do, however, detect that my office plant could well have come from one of the group's garden sheds," he says.

Cat and mouse

SO economists, long the butt of cruel City jokes, do have a sense of humour after all. One jobseeker, advertising in yesterday's Pink 'Un, brightens up his/her advert by professing "will consider anything challenging, anywhere (T.W.I.M.O)" — which presumably translates into "the world is my oyster". If that doesn't catch a prospective employer's eye, then perhaps the last line will. "Pro-active, bi-lingual (German). Likes cats". Now you know that economists like cats ... but how do you know that cats like economists?.

Pasta slap

SIR Michael Bishop, chairman of British Midland Airways, in Rome yesterday to sign a code-sharing deal with Alitalia, disclosed that it has been 31 years since he was last in the Eternal City. He told his hosts that he also had the good fortune of running into Paul Gascoigne, outside his hotel in central Rome. Praising Gascoigne as one of Britain's major exports to Italy, Sir Michael applauded the ancient Romans for their Coliseum, describing it as one of the first all-seater stadiums. Heaping yet more praise on the Romans, Sir Michael said they could teach modern Britain a good deal about road transport systems, too. But then he gave them what must have felt like a pasta slap when he added "you would be out of your depth when it came to airlines". Sir Michael flew to Rome — and expects to return to Britain — with Alitalia.

Hitting home

PATRICK Ellis is at it again. The author of *Who Dares Sells*, and *Pitch & Get Rich*, has now bashed out a third, *Pay Up! Billed as the ultimate* guide for creditors and debtors, it provides a few tips on dodging age-old excuses for non-payment of bills, such as "the cheque is in the post". After a few general remarks, it descends into transcripts of interviews with people like Dave, a builder who "accidentally" hit an 18-stone contractor with a sledgehammer after he refused payment. Then there is Ian, a private detective, who tells us that it doesn't really pay to be the tough guy. "You can beat a guy's head in with a cricket bat, but that is not necessarily going to make him co-operate." Thanks, anyway, for the advice.

Deep end

WIMPEY's new British embassy in Oman has rather an unusual centre piece. In the middle of the complex is what the Foreign Office describes as a "water containment facility" that will hold thousands of gallons of water, just in case the embassy catches fire. This is a surprising precaution, reports *Building Magazine*, since the embassy is a largely concrete structure and for security reasons is very heavily fortified. Even more curious is the Foreign Office decision to surround this "water containment facility" with some fancy tiling. Fortuitously, this will allow staff to use it as a swimming pool — very unofficially, since in the present climate of saving the public purse, the Government would most certainly not tolerate the construction of any such leisure facilities for civil servants at the expense of the taxpayer.

COLIN CAMPBELL

BUSINESS LETTERS

BT has clear line on Phoneday

From the National Code Change Project Manager, BT

Sir, Your article "Numbers do walking at Yellow Pages" (August 25) does not explain the background to BT's programme to prepare customers for Phoneday, when UK dialling codes will change, as announced by Oftel two years ago. The change to the dialling codes officially takes place on April 16, 1995.

Yellow Pages directories published during 1994 will show the existing codes — but on every page there is a reminder of the Phoneday changes.

From January, Yellow Pages will show all the new codes. The new codes can indeed already be dialled from most customers' lines but this is because the largest businesses need several months during which they can make the necessary changes to equipment such as switchboards. A general change to the new codes in directories at this time, however, could lead to confusion amongst other customers, where the general level of awareness still has some way to go. We at BT believe that the optimum time to change over directories is in January — at which time we will be launching our main publicity campaign leading up to Phoneday.

This clean change over should avoid any confusion and uncertainty amongst customers, which is, after all, in the best interests of the advertisers as well.

As you point out in the article, there will be recorded announcements for at least a year after Phoneday to help any callers who use the old codes.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN CROFT,
National Code Change
Project Manager,
BT Centre Room A361,
81 Newgate Street, EC1.

Get on with the job and stop whining

From M. Bobbs

Sir, Mr John Foulds, of the Halifax, has joined other executives in the financial services sector whining about how weak the housing market is. After some 30 years' experience at the sharp end of the market place, I can tell him exactly what the problem is. Most of the middle-aged, middle management has been dispensed with, and replaced by computers and young people with little or no experience. It's cheaper that way.

The end result is that if an applicant for a mortgage scores one point lower than the computerised credit scoring systems allows, the application is rejected.

In fairness to the clearing banks, I must say that in the past few months a new sense of realism has developed, and if the senior staff are approached they have been more than sympathetic with borrowers, experience perhaps, or just a sense of realism.

No doubt there will be an immediate response along the lines of "what about all the millions we lost when the market collapsed"? The answer, of course, is both the banks and the building societies were greedy to make large profits and expand. If you are in business there are always risks, it goes with the job, so for goodness sake either get on with the business Mr Foulds, or stop whining.

M. BOBBS,
PO Box 28, Petworth,
West Sussex.

Go West for Mickey

From Dr Valerie Goldberg

Sir, Euro Disney will never succeed until the cost of travel in Europe is reduced substantially.

At the moment, the cost of a three or four-day family holiday at the theme park is not considered worth the expense, while a holiday in Florida comprising a few days in Orlando for Disneyworld and the many other attractions, followed by a few days at one of the many beach resorts, with plenty of sun guaranteed, is ideal for families with young children, and is increasingly within their reach.

Yours faithfully,
DR V. GOLDBERG
6 Hollycroft Avenue,
Wembley,
Middlesex.

Insurance delays

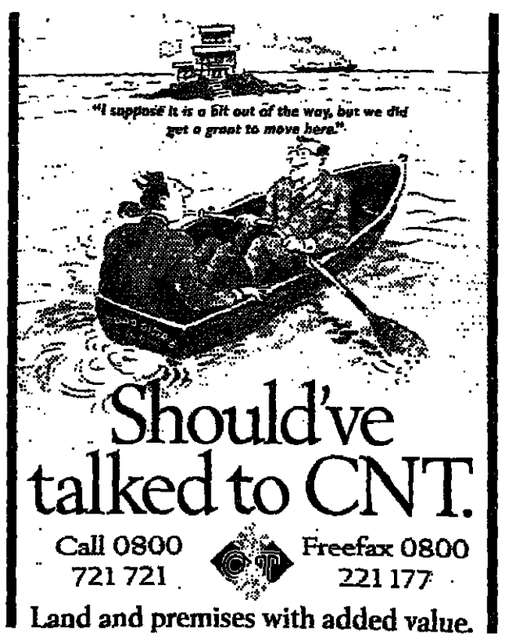
From Mr A. H. Windrum

Sir, I wonder why insurance companies take so much trouble to delay payment. My claim for £1,700 to Ibex Motor Policies at Lloyd's was for an accident on June 18, 1993, in which the other driver immediately admitted his fault.

The cheque arrived today, after a large variety of excuses, and, of course, much spent on telephone calls and postage.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY WINDRUM,
Lake Farmhouse,
Ridgeway Lane, Nunney,
Frome, Somerset.

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Record-breaking Southampton helps ABP profit advance 29%

BY CARL MORTISHED

SOUTHAMPTON'S thriving container terminal is handling a record level of business and benefiting shareholders at Associated British Ports, which raised the interim dividend by 14 per cent to 2p in the first half of 1994.

The recovery in international trade and increased market share helped to boost traffic by 22 per cent at Southampton Container Terminals, a joint venture between ABP and P&O, the shipping group. Profits from ABP's port activities throughout the UK rose 12 per cent to £36.5 million in the half year, while group pre-tax profits, including a £6.4 million contribution from property, rose 29 per cent to £38 million.

Southampton is increasing its market share at the expense of Rotterdam, its main rival in transhipment business, Sir Keith Stuart, ABP's chairman, said. "There is a general rise in the level of deep-sea container traffic and Southampton is favourable geographically for transhipment to Spain, Portugal and Western France," he said.

Two years ago, Far Eastern vessels with cargoes for both Britain and the Continent would unload at Rotterdam and transfer cargo to other vessels capable of unloading at smaller ports in Spain.



Sir Keith Stuart at the Southampton container terminal, where business is booming

However, heavy investment at Southampton and more efficient manning has turned the tables on Rotterdam, which now has higher labour costs than its British rival.

Cargo volumes grew by 4 per cent overall to 55 million tonnes, with good increases in timber and manufactured as well as containerised business. Lower priced bulk cargoes, such as coal and grain, were lower than the previous year but the overall effect was a 7 per cent rise in underlying revenue from port activities in the first half. ABP's ports in South Wales have not fared as well. "Our South Wales ports have tended to suffer from the general drift of port business to the east and south coasts," Sir Keith said.

Costs benefited from a reduction in severance payments from £4 million to £800,000 and Sir Keith expects little in redundancy costs in the future.

Manpower levels at the ports have fallen from 9,300 to 1,750 over the past 11 years owing to the abolition of the Dock Labour Scheme. The effect has been a dramatic growth in ABP's operating margins as the cost base has shrunk. Sir Keith said: "All the extra revenue goes to profit except that needed to service new capacity."

ABP will continue to spend about £50 million-£60 million a year on improving facilities. At Hull, the new River Terminal for the North Sea Ferries services to Rotterdam helped to boost unit load business, while at Immingham on Humberside, a new deep-water jetty is fully operational for Conoco, the American oil company. A new roll-on roll-off terminal is being built and will start operations in April 1995.

ABP's property investments in the Grosvenor Square Properties portfolio are now 95 per cent let. Rents, which grew from £5.4 million to £5.8 million, would have increased 10 per cent but for the sale of an investment last year. ABP sold a shopping centre in Morecambe, Lancashire for £12 million at the beginning of the month.

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Calor move into natural gas market going well

BY MARTIN BARROW
CITY NEWS EDITOR

CALOR Gas, which distributes and markets liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), said that sales from its February move into the natural gas market were going well, in spite of intense competition.

"Initial sales and inquiries have been promising, although competition is robust," Michael Davies, the chairman, said. Marketing and development costs amounting to £500,000 have been written off.

The company said that in the first six months of 1994, volumes of LPG sold rose 5.6 per cent over the corresponding period in 1993. Half the gain was due to colder weather and half to "general economic recovery and new business gained".

Mr Davies said that in spite of the rise in sales volumes, LPG turnover was 3.3 per cent lower, as the company attempted to maintain competitiveness within the industry and relative to other energy sources.

During the period, pre-tax profits rose to £31.1 million from £27.6 million. Earnings were 11.7p a share, rising from 10.4p. The interim dividend is held at 6p.

Pam Gas — the partnership in which Calor is involved with its main shareholder SHV, Primagaz, the French LPG distributor, and the International Finance Corporation — continues trading successfully.

Calor's investment of 20 per cent in the venture, which has interests in Poland, Slovakia and Hungary, was considered to represent "sound value".

Calor's drinks dispensing division reduced its operating loss to £1.1 million from £1.6 million.

Net interest income was £800,000, compared with financing costs of £100,000 last time. The company has cash resources of almost £60 million and continues to search for overseas investments in LPG businesses with potential for development.

Devro pays maiden interim dividend

DEVRO International, the producer of edible collagen products, made pre-tax profits of £14.1 million in the half year to the end of June, compared with a pro-forma £12.1 million in the same period a year earlier. The company, floated on the stock market a year ago, is paying a maiden interim dividend of 2.35p a share — up 13 per cent from a notional interim dividend that would have been paid last year — from earnings of 7.9p (6.4p) a share.

Sales rose to £47.5 million from £46.3 million, an increase of 3 per cent, but there was a 12 per cent increase in operating profits to £14 million from £12.5 million, with margins enhanced by a further increase in the effectiveness of the manufacturing process and a tight control of operating costs. Devro shares fell 19p to 230p, against a flotation price of 170p.

Aegis revamp pays off

THE benefits of last year's refinancing were evident in the first-half results of Aegis, the European media planning and buying group, with pre-tax profits rising 46 per cent to £14.2 million from £9.7 million in the six months to June 30. The bottom line was boosted by a sharp reduction in the interest charge, which fell from £11.6 million to £900,000. Frank Law, chairman, said most of the group's markets remained difficult, particularly in southern Europe, with margins still under pressure. Again, there is no interim dividend.

Compel priced at 125p

SHARES in Compel Group, which provides PC and Unix based systems and services, will be priced at 125p, capitalising the group at £19.1 million when it joins the market on September 20. The shares are being placed with institutional investors. Existing shareholders are raising £5.15 million and the company is issuing new shares worth £3.1 million. Société Générale Strauss Turnbull has fully underwritten the placing. The company made a £2.1 million pre-tax profit in the year to June 30, on turnover of £54.5 million.

Argent in the black

ARGENT, the property group that joined the stock market in a £140 million flotation in June, made a pre-tax profit of £448,000 (£1.2 million loss) in the six months to June 30. The comparative figures reflect the group's structure before the float, when investments were held in associated undertakings. Since June, Argent has signed up British Telecom to a 15-year lease on a 120,000 sq ft office development at Brindleyplace, Birmingham. Earnings per share were 1.3p and, in line with company policy, there is no dividend.

Polypipe ahead again

POLYPIPE, the plastic pipes and fittings manufacturer, has achieved its tenth successive year of profits growth since it was listed on the stock market in 1985. Pre-tax profits increased from £17.1 million to £20.6 million, a rise of 20.5 per cent, in the year to June 30 on turnover of £145.4 million, up from £120.5 million. The final dividend was lifted 10.4 per cent to 1.59p, making a total for the year of 2.3p, up from 2.1p last time. The dividend is being paid out of earnings of 8.83p a share, up from 7.4p last time.

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Ireland Pt	1.06	0.96
Italy Lira	2535.00	2380.00
Japan Yen	169.50	152.50
Malta	0.612	0.557
Netherlds Gld	2.852	2.622
Norway Kr	11.17	10.37
Portugal Esc	256.50	238.00
S Africa Rd	REF.	5.49
Spain Pta	207.50	193.50
Sweden Kr	12.33	11.53
Switzerland Fr	2.16	1.98
Turkey Lira	REFER	51462.0
USA $	1.663	1.533

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

ARLEN (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.21m
EPS: 1.1p (13.2p loss)
Div: Nil (nil)
Previous interim loss was £6.8 million. Turnover fell to £15 million from £28.5 million. Operating profit was £1.07 million

CANNING (W.) (Int)
Pre-tax: £3.64m (£1.8m)
EPS: 7.5p (2.1p)
Div: 2.94p (2.94p)
Sales rose to £60.9 million from £56.1 million. Sale of electronics division will give rise to exceptional loss for full year

CAPITAL INDS. (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.5m (£2.4m)
EPS: 7.2p (6.9p)
Div: 2.1p (2p)
Turnover from continuing operations rose to £38.5 million from £34.6 million. Net borrowings rose £1.3 million to £12.6 million

ERA GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.26m loss
EPS: 0.72p loss
Div: Nil (nil)
Previous interim loss was £2.6 million, with 2.91p loss per share. £5.2 million rights issue has strengthened balance sheet

GENT (S.R.) (Fin)
Pre-tax: £4.28m loss
EPS: 12.6p loss
Div: 1.35p, mkg 2.25p
Profit in previous year was £2.5 million and earnings were 3.2p a share. Total dividend was 2.1p

LAMBERT HOWARTH (Int)
Pre-tax: £442,000
EPS: 3.1p (6.9p)
Div: 2.25p (2.25p)
Profit in previous year was £784,000. Operating profits fell to £542,000 from £775,000 despite increase in sales

MIDDLESEX HLDGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.57m
EPS: 0.23p (0.04p loss)
Div: Nil (nil)
There was an interim loss of £81,000 previously. Turnover was £12 million, against £558,000. Russian bank has 2.5 per cent stake

ROSKEL (Int)
Pre-tax: £532,000
EPS: 2.34p (2.23p)
Div: 1.3p (1.3p)
Previous interim profit was £528,000. Turnover rose to £23.7 million from £21.7 million. Gearing was 47 per cent

RUGBY ESTATES (Int)
Pre-tax: £770,000
EPS: 4.46p (4p)
Div: 0.69p (nil)
Previous interim profit was £305,000. Turnover rose to £3.87 million from £1.8 million. Satisfactory year expected

TRY GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £252,000
EPS: 0.34p (0.08p)
Div: 0.5p (0.5p)
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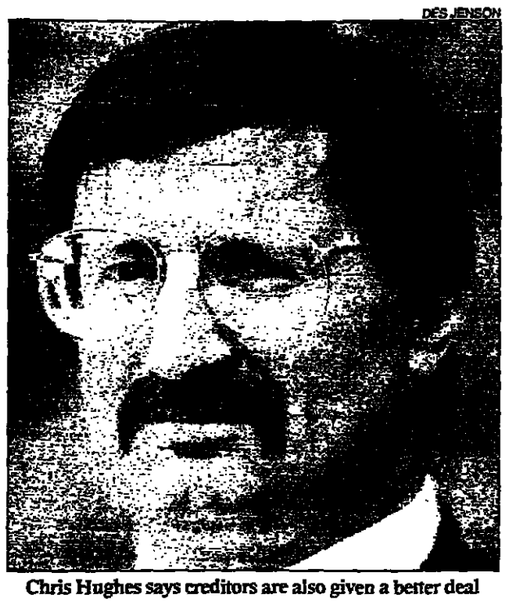
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Chance of life after death

Chris Hughes presents the case for the use of voluntary arrangements to pull companies back from the brink


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Chris Hughes says creditors are also given a better deal

As the economy recovers, receiverships and liquidations are showing a welcome fall from the record levels experienced in the recession. Perhaps surprisingly, individual and company voluntary arrangements (IVAs and CVAs) are bucking the trend. IVAs are up on 1992 levels, and CVAs — long the Cinderella company rescue procedure — grew from 76 in 1992 to 134 in 1993, and another 134 in the first half of 1994.

There are several reasons for this. Businesses that might have been liquidated in a recession are finding it easier to put together rescue schemes; increased awareness, prompted in part by DTI consultation aimed at improving the procedures; and creditors with memories of recession losses still fresh, are happier to support *sound* rescue proposals.

A CVA is a deal, either to reschedule debt or to compromise debts at less than face value. The debtor gets a new lease of life and a restructured balance sheet. Directors retain control of the business and are immune from disqualification. The creditors get a better deal than they would out of a liquidation, and a continuing customer for the future. If 75 per cent of creditors by value like the deal, it binds all creditors.

Coopers & Lybrand used a CVA to rescue Camper & Nicholson (Yachts), a world-renowned company with a 200-year history. More than 100 jobs were saved and a "centre of excellence" that can now look forward with confidence was kept together.

The rescue plan involved making a rapid assessment of the current financial position, preparing short-term cash flow forecasts to assess the immediate cash needs, obtaining professional advice on the value of the tangible assets and property, preparing trading budgets and recovery plans to satisfy ourselves that there was a viable business, and, most importantly, getting buy-in from interested parties by talking to shareholders, the bank, customers, major suppliers and employees.

Well before the creditors' meeting, all the main players should feel a sense of ownership of the proposal. Maximising the chances of success is a delicate art. The law is threadbare, which is fine from the point of view of allowing flexibility, but hopeless from the perspective of giving everybody certainty as to their rights and obligations. A proposal will, therefore, be quite an intimidating document, containing reams of legalistic gobbledygook.

A cynical creditor may feel justified in scouring the small print for the catch. However, he should gain confidence from a proposal carrying the "endorsement" of a reputable insolvency practitioner who has recommended to the court that it is legal, decent, honest and truthful. Creditors are also entitled to suggest their own modifications to a proposal.

The hallmarks of a successful scheme are:

☐ The business must have a future. A CVA is not a mandate to carry on making losses while deferring the inevitable liquidation. If the company has no market for its products, stop making them.

☐ Recognise the problem at an early stage, before creditors become disaffected.

☐ Instruct a reputable insolvency practitioner (IP) who enjoys the confidence of the creditors.

☐ Do not penny-pinch on professional fees, but think before you put the future of your business in the hands of the lowest bidder. Ask what percentage of the IP's schemes are approved by creditors.

☐ The proposal must be technically sound, and recognise creditors' concerns:

☐ Management must be honest, competent, and commited to hard work. Rescues are not a soft option, and a CVA is only the start of the process. Once approved, they have to deliver on their promises.

New legislation will soon provide a streamlined CVA procedure for partnership businesses, and more fundamental changes in a year or two should remove many of the uncertainties that have emerged since 1986.

Voluntary arrangements can and do work well, given sufficient goodwill and commitment. At a time when the DTI is under pressure to disqualify more directors whose companies have gone into liquidation, CVAs may represent a new lease of life for the directors and the company.

The author is Head of Insolvency at Coopers & Lybrand

When a tax system goes off the rails

THE chaotic state of tax legislation is an issue that everyone takes to with enthusiasm, except the Treasury and the Inland Revenue. It is one of those topics, like the state of the railways, on which everyone has a view, and which is generally a fairly pessimistic one. This is fine. There will always be aspects of the organisation of a complex society that generate a steady stream of grumbles. But when the grumbles are added to by a steady and clear intellectual argument, then it is *time that the problems should be properly* analysed and attended to. It looks as though *the tax system has now reached that point.*

At the Institute of Taxation's annual conference last weekend, Ian Luder, the Arthur Andersen partner who is president this year, made a speech that showed just how far disquiet with the tax system has gone. He started with an attack on the legislators. "If we are, quite rightly, to expect high degrees of compliance with the legislation, and respect for it, then it is equally important that what Parliament enacts is meaningful at the threshold of the 21st century," he said, before going on to argue that, in some ways, tax practitioners were their own worst enemies in this battle. Citing the words of Malcolm Cammie, his predecessor as president, he said: "I regret at times that we are too willing to play the game, to make the system work, somehow, despite everything. But I should make plain our dissatisfaction with this chaotic process." But we all know that the existing tax system, chaotic though it is, will not collapse, not least because of the ingenuity and hard work of those involved with it. That is not the point. Mr Luder produced a definition of insanity. It is "doing the same things and expecting a different result", he said. It is that which will undermine the fragile structure that keeps it all going.



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"Our tax system is in grave danger of collapsing," he argued. "We cannot afford another five years of complex legislation of the volume which we have suffered over the past five years." He called for a royal commission to examine the whole of the direct tax system in the UK and a freeze on all but essential legislation during the two-year inquiry. This is all hard-hitting stuff, but is unlikely to achieve the goal of a commission. Governments dislike them intensely, particularly when they know the reforms that prompt them are justified and required. Equally, the tax profession knows that it needs reform for its own reasons. Complexity, the old cliché will have it, makes more work for tax practitioners.

So why should they argue for less complexity. If tax was simple, wouldn't they all be out of a job? The answer is that the balance has gone. Complexity means highly paid experts, but over-complexity means that, eventually, it all starts to cost more than clients are happy to pay. They will pay well if they think they have neatly sidestepped a tax consequence, but they will not countenance steadily escalating fees simply to keep up with chaotic and ill-thought-out legislation.

Mr Luder and the IoT know this. "The tax profession has no interest in undue complexity in the system," he said, "with the costs it involves for our clients, the fees they are reluctant to pay, the costs of professional indemnity insurance and so on. Equally, it cannot be to the advantage of the Revenue to have a system which is as complex as ours." He added: "The growth in complexity adds to their costs and burdens, and I hope that the Revenue will feel able to support our views that a zero-based option review is really what is called for."If we were talking about equity or fairness here, then a royal commission would be set up immediately. But life, particularly when it involves the Treasury and the Revenue, is not like that. What is likely to happen is a series of piecemeal measures that cover enough of the wider issues to make the authorities feel that the issues have been looked at without having to lose any face over the process. Self-assessment, following the details of this winter's Budget, would be an obvious place to start. There is already a review on the taxation of savings and a working party looking at the vexed area of expenses.

Mr Luder suggests that if ministers are serious about deregulation they should change "the Victorian expenses rule" and assume that employers are responsible.

It was thought significant that after his speech the Treasury agreed the system was too complex and the Revenue did not refute his assertions. Now, people are booking for the Philip Hardman memorial lecture on November 3 to be given by Leonard Beighton, the Revenue's recent deputy chairman. Its title is "The Finance Bill process: Scope for Reform?"

Missing the beat

ACCOUNTANTS were due at Sothebys today to bid for a rare early recording of David McDonnell, Grant Thornton's managing partner, in the days when he was a drummer with an up-and-coming beat group. Appetites were whetted by the fact that Sothebys had put the recording in their showbiz sale at an estimate of £100,000. The tape of The Quarry Men, who hailed from the Quarry Bank High School, was made in a church hall. But sadly it dates from the summer of 1957. McDonnell was at the school in 1956 and back again in 1958. "We were in Scotland in 1957," he said, and his brief involvement with the group came in 1958. Surprisingly, this revelation has not wrecked the pre-sale hype. It seems that John Lennon was playing that day.

Frank and Hanson

SHORTLY after the two-partner firm of Rees Pollock was established, Andy Pollock, the marketing partner, decided that, nothing ventured, nothing gained, he should request advice from a business guru. So, Pollock wrote to Lord Hanson. "We share at least three things in common," he said in his letter. "We both come from the same part of Yorkshire, we are both six foot four and we both run businesses with a close partner." Lord Hanson said in his reply: "As we both hail from Yorkshire, I know I can be frank ..."

On the road

THE urge to restructure the profession is forging some odd alliances. The English ICA, stoutly for the idea, *Accountancy Age*, the weekly newspaper, definitely against, and CIMA, the management accounting body, mostly for, are to hold a nationwide tour to bring the facts to the people. The first venue is in Leeds on October 24, with London, Solihull and Cardiff to follow. Details on 071-920 8800.

DOOMSDAY for the top accounting firms has arrived, at least if the headline in last week's Birmingham *Post is anything to go by. "Coopers face dole as firm calls in the receivers," said the headline. The litigation crisis had obviously claimed its first victim. Not so. The story referred to barrel makers rather than the mighty accounting firm.*

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523	381	Abbey Nat	403	+2	...	4.4	13.5
314	234	Allied Irish	250	-5	...	5.0	9.6
278½	179½	Aus New Z	196	...	...	5.1	28.2
3302	2627	BankAmerica	3106½	-60			
319	246	Bk of Ireland	280	-4	...	4.7	8.1
247	172½	Bank Scotland	201	-4	...	3.1	10.6
693	487	Barclays	565	-10	...	3.6	18.0
37	17½	Carlisle	29½	...	...	1.1	
639	449	Cater Allen	525	-12	...	6.7	10.8
190	130	Cattles	145	-3	...	4.5	15.9
2628	1543	Chase Manh	2270½	-28½			
2912	2327	Citicorp	2800	...			
289	209	Close Bros	225	-8	...	3.6	12.2
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£133½	-1½		6.2	
£344½	£270	Deutsche Bk	£289½	-60½		2.4	
90	60	First Nat Fin	75	+2		2.5	...
1549½	1152	Fuji Bank Y	1341		...	0.4	
519	395	Gerrard Nat	485	-9	22.0	5.7	14.0
813	660	HSBC	735	-17		4.2	10.5
1123	680	HSBC HK	730	-19		4.1	10.7
473	256	Hambros	272	-10		6.9	11.1
443	400	Joseph (L)	419	...		5.2	12.2
170	130	King Shaxson	130	-1		5.7	12.8
691	424	Kleinwort Ben	497	-1		4.6	5.6
660	510	Lloyds	543	-6		5.2	10.7
119	95	Lon Scot Bf	117½	...		3.8	17.0
620½	489½	Nat Aust Bk	494	...		5.6	10.4
622	421	Nat West	467	-1		5.0	9.1
573	415	Provident	536	-5		4.1	17.1
79	53	Rea Bros	65	...		1.5	16.7
523	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	412	-1		3.6	19.7
1591	1050	Schroders	1520	-2		1.5	13.9
399½	223	Stand Chart	256	-2		3.1	5.5
241	197	TSB	217	-4	...	4.7	10.9
108	103	Union	113	-1		5.0	10.5
1912	674	Warburg SG	717	-12		3.5	9.7
£105	£61½	Wells Fargo	£97½	-1½		2.6	
260	194	Westpac	215			5.5	
360	278	Wintrust	274	-2	...	4.6	16.1

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
653	540	Allied-Lyons	576	-17		4.9	14.1
619	495	Bass	552	-5		4.7	14.4
397	290	Boddington	327	-4		3.8	18.7
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	412	-2		3.3	23.7
176	106	Burtonwood Br	142			3.3	16.0
161	142	Eldridge P	159			2.9	22.4
76	46½	Fosters Brewing	57			5.0	...
493	406	Fullr Sm 'A'	406	-5		2.4	16.9
500	375	Grand Met	408	-9		4.1	17.7
511	399	Greenalls Grp	441			3.6	17.0
594	472	Greene King	522	-2		3.1	14.5
542	428	Guinness	464	-5		3.4	15.0
265	191	Hardy Hanson	263	-1		4.2	13.5
170	135	Heavitree	170			3.0	15.3
477	353	Highland Distl	420	-2		2.0	30.4
3775	3125	Holt J	3700			1.6	20.5
307	127	Macallan-Glen	307			0.7	56.1
690	365	Marstn Marstn 'A'	685			1.8	25.2
246	165	Mansfield	242	-1		2.3	14.5
314	256	Merrion Tump	309	-4		2.4	16.0
636	544	Matthew Clark	630			3.2	14.2
250	113	Minsden W	123	...		2.5	...
545	463	Morland	490			2.5	16.4
10½	8	Paramount	8½			3.2	17.7
267	205	Pegasus Inns	243			2.1	23.7
1527½	1000	SA Breweries	1257½	+12½		3.2	20.2
591	493	Scot & New	506	-8		4.2	15.0
190	142	Taunton Cider	165	-8		5.0	12.6
306	224	Vaux Group	261	-4		4.6	16.9
403½	321½	Wetherspoon JD	394			1.8	26.0
617	494	Whitbread	538	-5		3.4	15.1
599	493	Wolvrhmptn D	561	-1		2.9	15.7
190	149	Yates Bros	171			2.2	21.3
535	483	Young 'A'	507			3.7	19.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	125	Abbey	155	-10		1.6	∞
27	12	Albrighton	17			3.7	16.3
200	148	Allen	176			3.7	20.8
164	99	Amec	112	-1		3.4	63.8
454	333	Ashstead	433	-8		1.6	27.4
165	107	Atwoods	107	-2		5.9	
363	274	BPB Ind	292	-5		3.5	19.7
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	127			3.1	24.0
4	3	Bailey (Ben) Con	3			2.5	21.4
38	19	Barcom	35	-1		6.2	4.2
60	38½	Bardon	44	-1		5.8	
292	180	Barratt Devs	182	-2		3.4	19.6
169	121	Beazer Homes	131	-5		4.6	11.5
304	196	Bellway	205	-4		3.5	19.3
99	42	Bellwinch	47				∞
244	125	Berisford Intl	201	-2			
273	391	Berkeley Gp	394	-11		2.2	16.4
215	118	Bett Bros	134	-1		1.9	6.2
93	60	Blockleys	71			1.8	
391	262	Blue Circle	293	-4		4.9	20.5
355	275	Boot (Henry)	275			3.0	14.0
94	75	Brandon Hire	75	-3		2.5	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	92			6.2	26.2
154	136	Br Dredging	138			5.2	17.2
98	76	Bett Fnflds	95	+1	2.0	2.6	∞
197½	137	Bryant	137	-3		4.4	20.8
149½	111½	CALA	125			2.5	
499	321	CRH	373	-7		2.6	18.9
70	31	Cakebread Rby	50				
42	23½	Costain	24				
195	130	Countryside	130	-7½		4.0	28.9
120	85	Crest Nicholson	90	-1		3.2	16.7
140	100	Cussins	120	-1		3.6	14.3
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	22	-1		1.7	
350	273	Epwin	323			3.1	19.2
82	57	Erith	73			1.7	41.1
473	328	Eve Group	328			4.2	∞
60	36	Galliford	36			1.5	...
112	57	Gibbs & Dandy	95			3.4	
1025	550	Gleeson (MJ)	850			1.9	14.9
218	177	Graham Grp	177	-1		3.3	16.7
164	139	Hewden-Stuart	153	-2		2.4	22.6
92	66	Hewetson	72			2.2	
475	325	Heywd Wlm	325	-4		5.3	18.0
144	51	Higgs & Hill	91	-1		2.4	
41	27	How Gp	36			2.6	
32	20	Howard Hldgs	26			3.1	∞
100	67	Ibstock	77½	-1½		1.6	
25	6	Jarvis	9				
136	104	Keller	126			3.7	14.6
425	256	Laing (J)	256			4.4	22.9
164	102	-do- 6½% Cv Pf	102	-1½		7.8	
145	115	Ln Clydesdale	127			4.7	17.6
177	78	Lovell (Y)	96	-3			
405	232	Manders	349			3.6	16.8
213	159	Marley	143	-4		3.7	16.9
155	136	Marshalls	141	-3		3.9	17.5
253	196	Maunders (J)	235	-3		2.8	20.1
321	194	McAlpine (A)	204	-3		4.0	29.9
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	62	-2		1.0	
569	393½	Meyer Int	382	-15		3.5	16.2
192½	94	Mowlem (J)	103			2.4	
202½	46	NSM	106				12.2
196	146	Newman Tnks	170	-2		4.8	21.1
374	229	Persimmon	247	-3		4.7	19.5
31	9	Phoenix Timber	13	...			
1800	1450	Pochins	1550		29.0	2.4	22.0
195	120	Prowting	120			3.3	39.6
1079	905	RMC Gp	956	-24		2.7	27.0
116	68	Raine Ind	72	-1		3.5	15.6
40	22	Ramus	22	-1			
691	400	Redland	505	-10		6.2	26.3
108	70	Rockel	98	-1	4.3	5.6	
149½	124	Rugby Group	124	-4		3.5	19.7
91	55	Sandy Petre	55				
91	50	Sergio-Rose	65		0.7	1.5	30.2
250	155	Sharpe & Fisher	193			2.9	21.9
297	222	Sheffield Insl	221	-1		2.6	21.3
392	333	Shorts Holdgs	361			1.5	24.0
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BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]		ADT		-10			
[illegible]		Adam & Harvey					
[illegible]							

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]		Allied Colloids	130				
[illegible]		Amersham	1002				
[illegible]							

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
344	265	Portals	310	-5	...	1.3	23.1
60	32	Sutcliffe Speak	32	...	...	2.0	19.0
490	361	Wardle Storeys	415	...	...	5.2	21.7
775	570	Wlmhlme R	720	...	...	2.9	19.2
483	380	York Chem	424			2.4	18.7
336	258	Yule Catto	300	-8		2.6	22.8
1094	672	Zeneca	839	-3	...	4.2	16.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Allders	225	-2	...	3.4	16.6
410	330	Argos Plc	344	...	...	3.0	18.0
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	67	-2	...	0.2	
357	197	Asprey	197	-3	...	3.8	9.8
243	176	Austin Reed	240	...		2.4	13.4
168	139	Beattie (J) 'A'	142			5.5	15.2
150	110	Bentalls	130			1.0	49.0
105	72	Betterware	73			4.5	7.7
48	36	Blacks Leis	40			7.0	...
296	205	Body Shop	206	-3½	...	1.2	19.3
601	504	Boots	531	-7		3.5	21.0
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	3				
290	210	Brown (N)	290	+4		1.9	24.9
74½	51	Burton	62½	-1		4.0	...
245	180	Cantors	192			2.6	∞
520	388	Church	505			3.2	28.8
171	95	Clinton Cards	102	-1		5.8	8.8
297	200	Coats Viyella	215	-4		4.9	19.4
170	112	City Casuals	112	-4		4.8	11.4
903	740	Courts Furnish	774	-1		1.0	39.4
210	155	Crown Eyes	200	-1		5.9	8.7
137	83½	Dairy Farm Intl	100½	-1		3.0	13.9
143	97½	Dewhirst (I)	137	-1		1.6	24.8
287	170	Dixons Grp	192	-5		4.3	20.4
11	7½	ERA Gp	8½				
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8			2.6	
590	530	Elys Wimbldn	580		17.0	3.7	∞
284	191	Essex Furn	199			2.4	31.8
336	217	Etam	326			2.9	23.1
558	494	Fine Art Dev	520	-1	14.3	3.4	16.1
50	46	Fired Earth	48				
725	660	Formmster	723			3.9	∞
273	124	French Connectn	272				15.3
75	48	Gent SR	75	+6		3.9	∞
127	85	Goldsmiths Gp	124			1.1	22.2
693	536	GUS	536	-19		3.1	15.5
196	164	Hamleys	185			2.2	17.8
31	21	Hampden Grp	28			4.5	...
20	13½	Harrisons	18			2.2	
91	64	Honeysuckle	74			4.2	10.9
222	178	Hse of Fraser	214½	-9½		2.9	19.3
231	173	Jacques Vert	195			2.9	17.2
775	477	Kingfisher	488	-1		3.9	11.8
103	61	Leslie Wise Gp	69			7.4	14.3
435	350	Liberty	356			1.7	44.0
390	277	Lloyds Chem	314			3.2	10.4
164	135	MFI	139	-2½		3.7	17.0
467½	380	Marks Spencer	406	-1½		2.8	18.9
681	554	Menzies (John)	595			2.5	14.6
343	238	Moss Bros	328			2.7	16.0
275	214	Next	252	-4		2.7	18.8
90	39	Oliver (G)	88	+1			27.2
335	255	Owlbane Intl	300			4.3	13.6
37	19½	Pentos	21				
208	169	QS Hldgs	173			3.9	20.4
62	25	Rhino Grp	32			2.0	11.6
209	154	Rosebys	154			3.9	18.0
140	115	Sherwood Gp	116			3.1	11.5
132	110	Sears	114½	-2		4.0	19.5
46	23½	Signet Group	33			...	16.7
549	450	Smith WH	466	-4		4.0	25.1
21	10	Specialeyes	11	-1			
252	202	Storehouse	212	-4		3.4	19.0
195	146	T & S Stores	190	-2		4.0	14.1
173	124	Tie Rack	126			1.6	16.2
265	215	Time Products	230	+1		4.6	17.8
172	105	Usher (Frank)	123	-3		7.4	∞
570	394	Vendome	527	-3		1.3	40.1
44	34	Vinsi	36			4.3	9.3
70	34	WEW Group	37	+1		2.0	27.3
96	42	Wensum	60	-6		2.8	31.7
129	91	Wickes	95	-2		1.7	21.2
97	54	Wld of Leather	90			1.1	
195	138	Wyevale	143			4.1	14.8

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	109	ACT Group	114	-4		5.8	10.7
296	248	Acal	257	-1		3.1	17.2
650	478	Admiral	648			1.3	19.9
193	163	Alba	168			3.2	16.0
46	34	Alphameric	44				33.6
50	26	Amstrad	29			2.1	...
110	75	App Holo	109				
39	24	Arlen	30	-2			
649	478	Astec	575	-3		1.3	21.7
201	171	Azlan	173	+1		2.2	14.0
283	239	Bailes Hunter	265	-1		4.5	∞
475	378	BICC	394	-6		6.2	24.5
535	411	BIES	445			2.9	17.9
1100	657½	Borland	900				
380	305	Bowthorpe	314	-10		2.8	17.6
466	357½	BT	380½	-5½		5.5	13.3
367	350	BT P/P	260½	-5½		5.5	13.3
30	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19			1.6	17.8
70	55	Burnfield	77			3.0	39.1
543	394	Cable Wireless	415	-4½		2.5	17.5
39½	24	Chloride	29½				
281	203	CML Micro	263			2.8	17.1
205	105	Comput People	205			1.5	46.5
202	154	Cray Elect	185	-3		1.5	∞
467	412	Critchley	457	-2		2.2	20.5
586	467	Delta	467	-1		3.9	20.6
663	446	Denmans Ele	605	-2		1.4	16.9
560	400	Domino	545	-5		1.9	23.4
78	68	Dowding Mills	71	-1½		4.6	∞
1635	1230	Druck	1485			0.9	27.6
589	462	Electrocomponts	462	-9		2.6	20.1
197½	135	El Data Prc	159			1.5	14.6
175	133	Electron House	167	-1		2.4	17.2
38½	21	Emess	23			0.4	
451	343	Eurotherm	383	-4		1.6	21.0
212	162½	FKI	173	-4½		2.7	30.1
686	512	Farnell Elect	539	-13		1.7	22.1
346	296	First Tech	346			1.3	∞
283	200	Forward Gp	213			2.9	12.7
50	14½	Forward Tech	43			0.7	...
357½	269	GEC	284	-4		4.8	14.3
191	119	Graseby	164	-1		4.6	15.4
14½	10	Graystone	14			0.9	...
193	126	Ind Control	145			3.9	12.9
388	268	Jones Stroud	333			3.4	15.9
145	99	Kalamazoo	140			2.9	15.8
25	9	Kembrey	16			1.2	...
396	335	Kenwood App	383	-1		2.9	18.4
298	221	Kewill Sys	262			2.4	∞
105	38	Kode	49			10.2	...
35	19	Laser-Scan	22				
143½	68	LBMS	103				
356	255	Lec Refrig	355			3.2	...
171	107	Life Sciences	142	+1		3.6	14.1
314	266	Logica	304			1.7	35.0
52	45	LPA Inda	46			4.3	...
216	128	MR Data Mngemt	128	-2		5.4	14.3
723	505	Macro 4	505	-20		5.1	∞
291	210	Menvier-Sw	259	+3		2.0	∞
1220	795	Micro Focus	815	-20			9.9
178	126	Microgen	129			7.0	12.0
45	31	Microvitec	39				
549½	432	Misys	436			2.3	∞
404	185	Mitel	185	-10			
186	145	MMT Compa	179			3.0	19.3
320	250	MTL Instr	319			1.6	20.6
148	114	Murray Ent	125			2.0	...
2740½	2300	NYNEX	2375	-28½			
128	79	Neotronics	78			4.2	16.9
[illegible]							

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]		East Midland		-12		4.0	56.2
[illegible]		Eastern Elec		-3		3.6	16.5
[illegible]		Hydro-Elec	364	-3		4.3	11.5
[illegible]		London Elec		+4			10.8
[illegible]		Manweb		-1			9.9
[illegible]		Midlands Elec		-14		3.7	11.9
[illegible]		National Power		-12		3.3	11.7
[illegible]		Northern Elec		-2		3.9	9.9
[illegible]		Nthn Ireland		-2		4.0	9.5
[illegible]		Norweb		-10		3.7	10.2
[illegible]		PowerGen		-11		2.9	12.2
[illegible]		Scottish Power		-12		4.2	11.6
[illegible]		Seeboard				3.5	11.5
[illegible]		Sthn Electric		-4		3.9	11.0
[illegible]		Sth Western		-1		3.9	10.1
[illegible]		Sth Wales				3.7	11.5
[illegible]		Yorkshire Elec		-14½		4.0	14.2

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]							

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	44	Manakin	49	...	...	...	...
25½	8	Nat Home Loan	16½				0.4
58	53	Newmarket	56	-1		...	...
365	247	Rathbone Brs	277			3.8	14.5
29	21	Rutland Tst	25½			4.3	12.9
369	261½	S & U	355			3.7	11.6
114	82	Singer & Fried	85	-1		4.7	10.8
1260	788	Sotheby's	825			3.4	35.6
188	131	3IP Capital	139	-1		2.7	8.6
224	165	Towry Law	169	...		3.4	16.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2015½	1627½	Amer Express	1950	-16½		...	...
154	131	Brewin Dolphin	145	-6		5.0	10.7
229	157	Gartmore	179			2.8	20.7
1208	845	Henderson Ad	922	-8		5.9	14.7
251½	152	Invesco	167	-6		2.8	27.4
317	214½	Jardine Strat	264½	-4½		3.0	11.1
323	247	MAI	283	-3		3.0	15.4
117½	95½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	106	-1			
770	538	MAM	627	-9		4.5	14.6
1243	794	M & G	995	-2		3.5	20.8
496	342	Smith New Ct	418	-14		3.0	3.5
65	25	Trio Hldgs	31			6.0	14.1

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	490	AB Food	566	-11		3.3	11.1
68	50½	ASDA Group	60	-½		3.3	15.1
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	295	-4		3.6	11.8
74	44	Alben Fisher	48			9.8	10.6
315	225	Argyll	264			5.1	12.4
250	220	Banks (S C)	260			4.7	10.0
371	305	Barr (AG)	370			3.3	23.8
72	42	Bensons Crsps	57	+1		5.2	17.2
481	378	Booker	435	-9		6.2	15.6
59½	48	Borthwick	51½			3.2	22.0
509	420	Brake Bros	420	-1		2.0	15.6
43	24	Budgen	29			4.3	19.4
185	156	CPL Aromas	185			2.0	17.7
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	456	-2		4.3	14.9
232	143	Carrs Milling	186			3.0	∞
167	130	Cranswick	164			6.3	13.7
17	11½	Cullens	14				
154	90	Dalepak	119			1.6	∞
543	389	Dalgety	495			5.0	∞
87	50	Daniels S	54			0.7	...
294	219	Devro	230	-19		3.4	15.4
101	60	Everest	60			5.3	∞
394	348	Fanpak	350			2.4	19.9
9½	6	Farmingford	6				
85	68	Finlay (James)	73			6.8	14.2
105	87	Fyffes	100	-2		1.8	17.1
371	193	Geest	235	-4	8.1	4.3	...
20½	14	Global	16			3.9	14.6
68	38	Grand Central	48				
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	130	-2		6.4	7.9
196½	151	Hillsdown	178	-3		6.3	12.5
28	16	Hobson	21				
211	133	Iceland Group	161	-1		3.1	10.2
111	93	JLI Group	100	-1		6.0	14.1
656	523	Kwik Save	602	-2		3.9	10.5
376	138	Low (Wm)	362			2.9	12.0
124	85	Matthews (B)	122			2.6	19.4
18	10½	Merchant Retail	12½			2.0	
147	99	Morrison (W)	145	+2		0.9	16.9
246	205	Nichols (JN)	243			3.0	15.6
271½	197	Nthn Foods	206	-5		5.3	10.0
14	9	Nthmbrn Fne	13				
232	177	Nurdin Peack	184			4.5	10.1
146	99½	Park Foods	130			2.3	26.3
81	62	Perkins Food	77	+½		7.4	12.6
141	109	PizzaExpress	127			0.5	26.6
5½	2½	Regina Hlth	2½				
480	342	Sainsbury J	433	-8		3.1	15.3
90	73	Sentry Farm	80			3.5	8.1
122	71	Suns Food	98	-2		9.6	∞
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	439	-3		3.8	10.9
254	200½	Tesco	242			4.0	12.6
198	162	Thorntons	193	-3		2.6	...
238	145	Treats	212			2.4	17.3
434½	346	Unigate	350	-4		6.2	9.9
388	302	Utd Biscuits	320	-4		6.0	13.6
21	6	Usborne	9½			4.9	6.3
422	279	Watson & Phil	375			4.9	15.1
49	34	West Trust	34			9.2	27.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
36	26	Abrdn Stk Hs	36	...	...	...	...
94	76	City Centre Rest	80	-1		2.8	16.2
295	209½	Forte	221	-7		4.2	34.4
207	169	Friendly Hotels	186			3.8	32.3
168½	142½	Jurys Hotel	167½	+2½		4.1	∞
217½	153	Ladbroke	161	-1		2.7	23.2
109½	78½	Mandarin Orntl	94½	-4		3.4	24.6
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels II	31½			4.1	18.0
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	913	-12		0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	87	-1		1.7	31.3

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60	36	AAF Inds	39	-1		...	...
544	413	AAH	424	-1		5.3	15.1
185	119	ADM	147	-3		3.5	39.2
136	108	APV	118½	-½		5.7	...
220	157	ASW	194	-2		3.9	...
202	135	Adwest	179	-3		5.1	19.2
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	19			4.9	53.9
312	223	Airsprung	263			2.3	16.4
230	192	Alexdra W	204			3.4	21.7
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6½				
330	293	Alumasc	325			2.3	16.1
73	39	Alvis	55	-½		2.3	38.6
765	705	Amber Ind	765			3.3	15.9
65½	43½	Amberley Gp	56	-2		2.2	∞
91	43	Anagen	60	-5			
95	47	Andrews Sykes	76				
363	199½	Antofagasta	313	-10		1.3	25.3
62	48	Armour	56			4.1	∞
175	167	Ash & Lacy	168			4.8	20.3
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½			1.5	55.6
639	474	Avon Rubber	615	-5		3.4	26.7
297½	248	Assoc Nursg	248			1.0	14.5
553	490	Atlas Equip	533			5.2	19.5
123	86	Ayrshire Metal	123		1.5	1.5	...
236	180	BBA	195	-7		4.6	...
180	115	BLP Group	150			0.7	43.4
51	24½	BM Gp	45½	-2½			
767	627	BOC	730	-6		4.0	20.4
86	60½	BSG	65	-1½		6.2	40.6
579	495	BSS Group	552			4.0	23.0
401	321	BTR	321	-6		4.9	16.7
176	129	BWI	149	-1		5.6	18.9
40½	29½	Babcock	33½				
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7				
270	216	Baird (Wm)	237			4.9	19.5
568½	365½	Barlow	456½			0.7	
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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
442	364	EIS	388	-2	...	4.0	15.5
25	15	Elbief	18	...			
53	41	Eleco	42				
3790½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3225	-3½		1.6	55.3
91	69	Elliott (B)	85			1.5	13.0
447½	321	Eng China Cl	379	-10		5.4	21.8
146	96	Environmed	123			0.2	...
3662½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3409½	+9½		1.1	29.7
86	56	Eurocopy	65			3.5	19.1
118	60	Expamet	102	-3		3.2	71.3
402	334½	Fairey Group	398	-1		2.0	20.9
148	109	Fenner	147			0.3	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88			3.0	13.0
45	39	Ferrum	39				
78	50	Fife Indmar	56			6.1	8.2
157	113	Fisons	123	-12		2.8	...
60	37	Fitzwilton	43			10.5	...
298	263	Flogas	298			2.8	12.3
51	38	Folkes Group nv	40		1.5	4.7	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95			4.8	18.8
264	220	Frost Group	253			2.7	26.5
88	77	GEI Intl	83			2.3	23.3
660	510½	GKN	602	-6		4.3	35.2
79	49	GR Hldgs	55			4.1	
134	91	Garton Eng	134			4.2	36.3
191	136	Gestetner	154	-2		1.9	...
66	49	Glevum	63			2.0	40.4
725	520	Glynn	593	-11		5.9	14.1
46	35½	Glenchewton	39			...	
404	334	Glynwed	342	-2		4.3	19.8
209	125	Goode Durrant	194			3.9	15.2
185	143	Grampian Hd	150			4.6	57.9
598	475	Granada	476	-11		2.4	18.8
775	452	Great Shirm	773			2.3	25.6
85	71	Green (Ernst)	71			12.3	13.0
15½	11½	Greenacre	11½			3.5	16.1
85	61	Haden MacLn	78			3.2	20.1
122	90	Hadleigh	119			2.1	13.9
76	59	Halkin Hldgs	69				53.9
320	149	Hall Eng	155			6.7	8.6
256	204	Halma	234	-1		1.3	27.5
73	47	Hampson Ind	73			3.4	13.9
302	233½	Hanson	240	-1½		6.2	21.5
161	122	Harris (Philip)	150			5.7	18.5
220	152	Harrisn Crsfd	175	-2		6.6	19.5
180	121	Havelock Euro	173			1.4	20.5
48	30	Hay (Norman)	30	-3			
50	33	Headway	40			2.2	∞
511	307	Hepworth	308			6.0	16.0
205	145	Hewitt (J)	145	-2		2.6	...
75	52	High-Point	53		0.5	1.2	...
184½	143	Hill & Smith	143	-1		5.1	15.5
191	111	Holders Techn	119			6.3	12.9
63	39	Hopkinsons	58			2.8	...
216	176	Hornby	187			6.0	17.1
103	78	Howden	96	-1		3.2	15.4
292	234	Hozelock	274			2.7	19.5
248	182	Hunting	182			6.9	36.0
513	402	Huntigh Tech	428			1.3	24.7
379	298	IMI	308½	-6½		4.1	26.2
138	110	ISA Intl	126			1.6	16.9
166	45	Intercare Gp	47			9.3	5.0
325	294	Isotron	293			2.1	∞
710	409½	Jardine Math	608½	-10½		2.3	14.5
629	498	Johnson Matth	582			2.4	23.2
51	37	Johnson & Fh	39½			1.1	...
294	149	Johnston	282	-6		0.9	...
32	25	Jones Shipman	31				
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	31			4.1	30.3
191½	148½	Kalon	162½	-2½		3.4	15.4
301	230	Kelsey Ind	296			3.4	...
855	730	Kershaw (A)	845			4.1	38.9
276	187	Kleeneze	187	-11		0.7	41.5
444	341	Laird	393	+½		3.5	18.3
170	145	Lilleshall	167			3.5	17.5
229	205	Lincat	216	+5		4.1	∞
405	313	Linton Park	405			4.6	∞
14	6½	Lionheart	6½			6.0	14.2
20½	15	Locker (T) A	18	+2		1.4	∞
152½	74	Lon Intl	87	-1			
175½	124½	Lonrho	131½	-1		3.8	36.1
438	364	Low & Bonar	433			3.0	17.3
49	41	ML Hdgs	47			2.3	16.3
67	49	MS Intl	49			6.4	29.6
70	45	MY Holdings	59			3.2	14.3
271	223	Macfarlane	259			2.0	22.5
530	431	McKechnie	462	-6		4.0	22.1
122	100	McLeod Russel	117	-1		6.5	18.2
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INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1293½	+6½		5.1	...
2043½	1693½	Am Gen	1850	-6½		4.0	...
86	50½	Archer	52			2.4	...
165	89	Bradstock	100			6.9	11.5
550	370	Britannic	403	-12		4.0	...
117	90	CLM Insce	93		1.4	1.9	...
701½	481½	Com Union	528	-4½		4.7	19.9
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1693			2.1	∞
64	33	FAI	39			1.3	...
194	144	Fenchurch Grp	155			5.8	13.8
757	533	Gen Accident	558	-8		6.4	8.8
247	161	GRE	186	-6		5.3	20.5
457	287	Heath C E	288			6.9	...
323	239	Independent Ins	265	-1		3.9	7.5
203	128½	JIB Group	137	-2		7.0	12.3
547	407	Legal & Gen	453	-8		5.5	15.2
1375	965½	Liberty Life	1331½	+3½		7.8	5.1
119	93	LIMIT	97			1.3	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	351	-8		6.4	10.9
310	165	Lloyd Thomp	171		7.1	5.2	10.6
185	159	Lombard Ins	194	-1		3.2	∞
443	313	Londn & Man	329	-9		6.2	16.1
276	190	Lowndes Lmb	198			4.7	12.5
5893½	5162½	Marsh McLn	5162½	-12½		3.6	...
168	147	Nelson Hurst	153	-1		4.6	15.3
129½	109	Oriel	123			3.2	∞
83	38	PWS	43			8.7	...
385	271	Prudential	314	+1		5.5	14.7
404	261	Refuge	280	-8		5.1	20.6
350	232½	Royal	286	-4		3.9	7.2
222	157	Sedgwick	164	-6		4.6	18.6
155	105	Steel Burrill	124			9.1	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	59			6.4	71.0
418	285	Sun Alliance	313	-14		6.1	8.5
96	51	Trade Indemnity	65			1.7	14.4
464	343	Transatlantic	349	-12		4.3	31.6
673	468	Utd Friendly	539	-8		4.0	27.4

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
44	31	TLS Range	41	-1		3.1	49.9
402	330	TT Group	392	-3		2.2	∞
232	192	Takare	219		3.0	1.2	19.1
852½	656	Takeda Chem	793	-½		0.8	14.6
121	92	Tinsley (E)	121			5.8	19.7
220	197	Titan	197			2.7	16.7
283	213	Tomkins	227	-2		4.1	14.6
124	74½	Trafalgar H	89			1.4	...
105	63	Transfer Tech	73			5.7	7.8
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	142			6.2	∞
318	262	UniChem	304	+1		2.7	17.1
440	345	Unidare	300			3.6	16.3
54	33	Unigroup	40	-1			
1247	958	Unilever	1118	-24	25.0	2.8	16.1
8118½	6496½	Unilever (NV)	7300	-87½		3.0	14.6
19½	12	Utd Inds	15½				
1093	816	VSEL	980			4.4	9.2
31½	14½	Verson	17				
204	166	Vickers	171	-11		2.6	18.1
327	262	Victaulic	263			3.8	14.5
522	451	Vinten	504			2.0	16.3
805	661	Vosper Thorny	717			3.1	15.5
65	37	WSP Hldgs	61			3.9	44.9
527	451	Wagon Ind	498	-6		4.5	25.3
200	80	Wakebourne	100	-3			
114	97	Walker Greenbk	110		3.3	3.8	∞
324	246½	Wassall	302	-13		1.4	26.9
63	44	Wirford Wdgwd	62				49.3
354½	246½	Weir	369	-9		2.9	16.0
731	498	Wellcome	652	-6		3.2	15.5
220	198	Wellington Hdg	198	-1		3.3	10.8
39½	37½	Wellman	38			3.0	62.0
400	294	West Hldcare	357			1.6	∞
545	430	Whatman	430	-10		3.0	15.3
264	108	Whessoe	124	-3		8.3	9.5
147	93	Whitecroft	140	-1		1.8	22.1
13½	10	Widney	11½				
414½	329	Williams Hldg	341	-9		4.8	18.4
57	39½	Wilshaw	56			1.3	23.0
905	706	Wolseley	731	-39		2.5	17.7
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155			2.6	31.7
69	40	Wyko	68			0.9	∞
96	70	Young (H)	80			5.2	...

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
245	133	Willis Corroon	156	-1½		3.3	15.1
28	20	Windsor	21				16.5
329½	280	3i	329½			3.5	...
2059	1705	Alliance	1820	-25		3.3	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	429	-4		2.1	...
161	121	BCW Conv	137½	-2½		7.5	∞
219	173	Bankers	191	-2½		2.5	...
391	311	Baring Tribune	342	-3		2.4	...
248	198	Berry Starq	228		2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91½	Br Assets	96½	-1½		5.6	...
99	89	Br Empire Sec	96½	+½		1.2	...
46	31	-do- Wnts	41				
234	188	Br Inv	201	-3		3.0	...
272	221	Brunner	246	-3		2.7	...
223	194	Contl Assets	207	-2		1.8	...
173	147	Derby Inc	162			12.2	...
326	268	-do- Cap	300	-5			
100	73	Drayton Blue	83	-1		12.7	...
111	84	-do- Eng Intl	100			1.0	...
156	126	-do- Far East	143½	-2		0.6	...
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	665	-5		4.9	...
106	85	-do- Japan	93½				
80	45	-do- Warrants	50				
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	326			3.5	...
827	725	-do- Wwde	795	-4		1.5	...
360	291	Edinburgh	307	-6		3.6	...
354	286	Electra Inv	332	-2		2.7	...
220	185	Electric Gen	199½	-½		2.0	...
127	106	English Scot	117	-2			
343	286	European Assets	321	-2		1.8	...
172	146	Fleming Amer	163		3.0	2.3	...
343	270½	Fleming Amer	310	-3		0.4	...
145	75	Fleming Chinese	96½				
92	42	-do- Warrants	46½				
257	196	-do- Claver	214	-2		3.2	...
355	305	-do- Contl	340	-6		0.5	...
254	190	-do- Entp	210	-3		2.9	∞
499	327	-do- F East	367	-5	1.5	0.5	...
422	399½	-do- Fledg	372	-2		1.0	...
123	89	-do- Hi Inc	98	-2		5.6	...
294	223	-do- Japan	265	-4		0.2	...
347	297	-do- Merc	295	-4½		2.8	...
347½	240½	-do- Oseas	298	-2		1.8	∞
159½	129	Foreign & Col	137½	-2		1.6	...
148	106½	-do- Emg Mkts	136	+1	0.2	0.2	...
77	64½	-do- Enterprise	73½	-½		1.0	...
261	216	-do- Eurotst	236	-4		0.7	...
145	116	-do- German	133	-3		0.5	...
374	307	-do- Pacific	332	-7		0.8	...
192	159½	-do- Smaller	174	-1½		1.4	...
303	237	GT Japan	255	-3		0.6	...
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	180	-1			
115½	105	-do- Inc	109			10.0	...
191	139	Govett Am Smlr	146				
151	101	-do- Emg Mkts	133			0.2	...
96	80	-do- Global Smlr	88				
112	82	-do- High Inc	42	-2		7.0	...
429	348	-do- Oriental	396	-2		0.3	...
346	239	Govett Strategic	254	-3		3.3	...
475	410	Greenfriar	430			1.9	...
19	19	Gresham House	19				
105	56	Herald	64	-1			
99	92	Inv Biotech	95				
50	30	-do- Warrants	45				
156	122	Inv Cap	132½	-2½		4.8	...
119	94	ISS Fh Smllr	112			2.1	...
177	125	INVESCO Korea	161	+1			
243	160½	Kleinwort Cht	210½	-3½		3.1	...
69½	29½	-do- Eurn Pvt	29½	-1½			
49	27½	-do- Euro Wts	31½	-1			
272	222	-do- Fleet	243½	-4		1.7	...
165	134	-do- Smlr	139			2.8	...
826	672	Law Debenture	776	+1		3.1	...
222	190	Maledir	207	-2		3.0	...
134	27	Merchants	30	-5		5.3	...
92	79½	Mercury Euro Pr	84½	+1			
45	25	-do- Warrants	31	-1½			
125	95	-do- World Mng	112	-1½			
52½	35	-do- World Bn	42	+½			
2487½	2250	Merrill Lynch	2400	-25			
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	537	-5		1.6	...
155	127	Morg Gren Inc	135	-2		4.2	...

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
64	43	-do- Warrants	46	-4	...	...	...
111	87	-do- Latin Amer	108½	...			
65	39	-do- Warrants	62			3.0	...
148	114	Murray Ent	125	-1			
58	34	-do- Warrants	39			0.6	...
88	54	Murray Euro	63				
23½	16	-do- Wts	18				
393	317	Murray Income	346	-5		4.3	...
395	319	-do- Intl	346	-6		4.6	...
548	424	-do- Small	488	-2		1.1	...
97	82	-do- S/C Inc	89			14.9	...
174	135	-do- S/C Cap	147	-1			
3400	2975	-do- S/C Uts	3080			4.3	...
162	153	-do- S/C DP	157	-1			
363	324	-do- Vent	334			4.1	...
95	61	Nwthmg Inc	64			9.3	...
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	363	-5		1.1	...
240	170	-do- Warrants	210				
640½	433	Pacific Assets	538	-7		0.3	...
542	335	-do- Warrants	446	-4			
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8475	+50	195	2.9	∞
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	186			1.0	...
127	113	River & Merc	124			10.1	...
469	415	Robeco	440			2.9	...
463	415	Rolinco	442			1.8	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	327	+1		3.0	...
183	150½	Scot American	162	-2½		3.7	...
368	238	Scot Asian	292	-3			
1070	663	-do- Warrants	775	-13			
97½	77	-do- Eastern	83½	-1½		2.4	...
262½	209½	Scottish	224	-1		2.8	∞
264½	205	-do- Mtge	226	-4½		3.3	...
133½	111½	-do- Value	115	-3		2.1	...
1795	1520	Second Alliance	1635	-10		3.3	∞
106	77½	Secy Tst of Scot	97	-1½		4.7	...
179	148	Selective Asset	165	-1		1.1	...
51½	41	Sphere Inv	43½	-1		9.8	...
205	149	TR Far East	168	-2		3.9	...
177½	135½	TR City Of Lon	147	-2½		4.5	∞
124½	86	TR Pacific	112½	-3		0.2	...
43½	34	TR Property	34½	-½		3.3	...
152	113	TR Tech Inv	123	-4		1.8	...
228	182	TR Smlr Cos	198	-2		2.4	...
412	310	Temple Bar	348	-5		4.9	...
135	102	Thmtn Asian B	115	+1		0.5	...
101	72½	Throgmorton	79½	-½		3.6	...
568	468	Throg Dual Cp	525	-5			
289	233	USDC Invest	250	-2		2.1	...
129	109½	Value Inc Tst	114½	-1½		4.4	...
257½	205	Witan	228	-6		3.2	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	450	-6		2.5	15.6
46½	19	Ald Leis	25			15.0	8.2
177	155	Alpha Airpts	163	-1		3.1	∞
131	85	Baldwin	114	-1		3.8	19.6
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	277			4.5	11.5
365	231	Boosey Hwks	360			1.7	21.7
205	133	Border TV	194			2.6	16.2
7½	3½	Brent Walker	4				
170	100	Bristol Scots	165				
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	3				
74	38	Campari	38				
439	328	Capital Radio	380	-2½		2.1	35.5
1047	797	Carlton Comm	875	+19		2.8	19.3
375	248	Castle Comm	360			1.6	∞
213	114	Chrysalis	213		3.2	1.9	...
374	305	Compass Gp	336	-7		2.5	19.8
290	232	Eurocamp	270	-2	9.9	4.6	11.1
213	92	Euro Disney	109	-1			
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3½				
450	308	Fairline Boats	450			3.3	31.3
350	262	First Leisure	268½	-5½		3.1	17.8
478	309	Flextech	433	-2			
1033	675	GWR Gp	910	+2		1.4	32.9
321	228	Grampian	321			2.9	17.2
172	106	HTV Group	166	-2		0.8	45.8
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	80			4.3	11.8
18½	11½	Kunick	15				
263	200	London Clubs	257			5.8	13.1
702	539	Man Utd	674			3.7	27.2
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½				
84	34	Northern	59½			2.1	11.3
130	81	Owners Abrd	130	+4		4.0	...
102	65½	The Pelican Gp	100			1.4	∞
183	135	Prism Leisure	135			3.9	9.5
43	28	Quadrant Grp	31				
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	275			2.0	41.4
628	395	Scot Radio	615	-10		2.1	24.0
574	353	Scot TV	447	-7		3.5	28.5
40½	22	SelecTV	23				
350	280½	Stanley Leisure	337	-4		1.9	19.0
153	125	Sunset & Vine	129		3.5	3.4	19.7
345½	280	Tanjong	280			1.1	∞
187	78	Tottenhm Hot	142			2.7	...
182	85	Trans World	175			0.9	65.3
780	518	Ulster TV	680	-1		3.3	25.2
150	129	VCI	145	-1		4.2	13.0
149	112	Vardon	126	+1		1.2	22.2
376	150	Yorkshire TV	384				
130	110	Zetters Gp	129			8.2	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3568½	+6½		2.0	33.4
3550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3480	+8½		2.6	18.7
7181½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	6853½	+62½		3.5	23.2
38	26½	Anglo Pac Resa	26½				
1512½	1243½	Ashanti	1253½	+3½			
404	275	Balgrndk	292	+3			
184	90½	Blyvoors	151½	+2½			
37	14½	Bracken	14½			4.1	40.8
898	580½	Buffels	741	+13½		7.4	∞
6	2½	Butte	3½				
968	745½	CRA	947			2.2	28.7
55½	36	Cluff Res	48				
130	28½	Coal Inv	118	-1			
1750	1318½	De Beers	1600			3.3	16.1
148	88	Deelkraal	118	-3		3.0	∞
78½	30½	Doornfontein	78½	-2½			
1018½	665½	Driefontein	1000	+19½		4.3	∞
928	549½	Durban	798½	-7½			
187½	107	E Rand Gold	178½	-½		10.1	8.6
122½	99½	E Rand Prop	41½	-½			
474	303½	Elandsrand	474	+25½		2.4	12.9
1239	741½	FS Cons	1103½	+18½		6.3	11.3
75	27	FS Dev	75	+2			
1900	1193½	GFSA	1843½	+18½		2.0	∞
230½	108½	Gencor	191½	-4½		1.4	∞
80½	55½	GM Kalgoorli	67			2.1	34.9
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	18½				
202	105½	Grootvlei	178½	-½		5.0	∞
524½	319½	Harmony	526½	+7			
430	260½	Hartles	382½	+5½		7.5	∞
1446½	831½	Impala Plat	1406½	-6½		1.6	43.0
1319½	890½	Kinross	1068½	-37½		4.5	∞
1029½	568½	Kloof	1016	+15½		3.2	∞
137	68½	Leslie	124½	-½		6.5	∞
346½	176½	Loraine	341	-1½			
1137½	887½	Lydenburg	1137½			2.0	∞
162	118	MIM	145			1.6	...
1762½	1222	Minorco	1637½	+75		2.3	19.6
201½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	190			2.7	28.2
899	792	RTZ	861	-11		3.0	24.3
500	182½	Rand Mines	462½			2.3	17.5
825	542½	Randfontein	788½	+4½		4.1	∞
295	207	Renison	248	+3			
1531½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1434½	-6½		2.1	∞
750	539½	St Helena	717½	+12½		3.6	∞
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	2081½	+8½		4.2	23.9
137½	73	Stilfontein	133½			20.1	∞
261½	90	Unisel	221½	+6		2.0	∞
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	6787½	+31½		3.8	11.0
1051½	508½	Western Areas	1012	+3½		7.1	∞
3362½	2050	Western Deep	3100	+50½		3.4	10.6
398	300	Wstrn Mining	394			1.0	∞
1225	603½	Winkels	821½	-28½		4.4	∞
66	50	Zambia Copper	59				
68	48	Zemipan	48			7.7	...

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	283	...	...		
140	108	Airflow Stream	140		3.0	2.7	31.1
175	128	Appleyard	120	-2		6.0	21.2
405	275	Bletchley Mtr	275	-22		4.8	11.3
305	180	Bostrom	305			2.5	28.6
584	390	Br Aerospace	478	-16		2.2	42.0
57	42	Burndene	43			5.8	12.5
465	280	Caffyns	355	-5		4.0	23.0
22	13½	Cavendale	15	-½		1.2	15.2
130	98	Central Mtrs	101	-2		4.3	25.0
51	32½	Cook (DC)	42	-2		3.0	∞
348	231	Cowie	231	-6		4.5	11.3
192½	127	Dag Motors	153			5.1	17.6
158	113	Dawnpt Vern	156			2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	314	+2		0.8	...
234	218	Eurodollar	218	-4		4.9	17.1
173	118	European Mtr	118	-5		4.5	12.3
539½	399	Evans Halshaw	423	-1		4.2	13.3
310	225	FR Group	298	-2		3.3	16.3
2259½	1804½	Ford Motor	1937½	-12½			
4387½	3112½	General Mtr	3187½	-18½		1.6	...
90	60	Gowrings	78			3.2	...
342½	266½	Henlys	287	-1		3.3	15.4
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1044½			0.4	...
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	66				22.9
184	145	Kwik-Fit	147½	-4½		3.2	16.9
573	377	Lex Service	377	-6		4.4	14.4
282	162	Lookers	223	-1		3.9	13.8
239	158	Lucas	189	-1		4.6	...
29½	24	Malaya Grp	24	-½		1.3	...
310	249	Pendragon	249			3.8	17.5
238	173	Perry Gp	175			5.1	9.4
218	156	Quicks Group	156	-4		4.2	16.4
204	161	Rolls-Royce	184	-½		3.4	32.1
261	203	T & N	225	-4		6.0	28.7
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	326	-2		2.4	23.6
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	172	-3		3.3	18.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	310	-2		2.7	21.9
345	320	Black (A&C)	345			4.9	14.6
402	214	Blenheim Gp	215	-28		6.1	7.9
413	365	Bristol	376			4.1	26.0
1650	1102	Daily Mail	1330			1.4	31.6
1494½	896½	Daily Mail 'A'	986½	-12½		1.9	23.1
316	260	Dorling Kind	305	-4		1.4	22.6
6712½	5301½	Elsevier	6156½	+21½		3.2	19.7
469	361½	EMAP	385	-4		2.8	23.9
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1525			2.8	32.1
194	32	Harlington E	61	-2		5.5	∞
515	323	Haynes Pub	443			2.5	∞
409	340	Hodder H'line	348			2.8	56.7
180	120	Home Counts	174			3.6	42.0
237	101	Intl Bus Comm	234	-3		1.9	15.3
15	8	Int Cm & Data	9½				
340	272½	Independent	298			2.5	10.1
669	551	Johnston Press	613	-2		1.5	22.4
110	45	MAID	62				
492	338	Metal Bulletin	484			2.9	25.2
177½	152	Midland Ind	154	-2		2.3	21.1
203	123	Mirror Gp	135	-4			5.3
514½	302½	News Corp	407	-1		0.3	∞
314	234	News Intl	239			0.8	∞
735	570	Pearson	589	-13		2.8	20.3
760	600	Portsmth Sund	683			1.9	16.9
964	734	Reed Int	761	-5		3.2	21.0
249	187	Southnews	228			1.6	29.0
202	143	Sterling Pub	145			2.1	12.4
422	323	Telegraph	343	+5		4.7	12.1
885	695	Thomson Corp	775	+10	30.1	4.9	38.7
472	394	Trinity Intl	414	-1		3.0	20.3
45	18½	Unit Group	36				
731	479	Utd Nwspprs	512	+1		5.4	14.0

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	27½	Atlas Energy	38				23.0
53	35	Arcon Intl	46				
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	66	-4½			
67	43	Attra Pet	45				
9	6	Beverley	6½				64.6
249	197	Br Borneo	227			3.9	10.7
358	253	British Gas	290	-4		6.6	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	417½	+1		2.8	22.9
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½				
910	811	Burmah Castl	891	-17		3.0	17.5
84	56	Cairn Energy	70	-2			43.5
375	261	Calor Gp	291	+7		5.4	14.8
51	33	Clyde Pet	39½	-½		1.1	...
30	14½	Copley Res	15				
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gas	21½				23.2
466	399	Enterprise	407½	-5½		4.0	...
39½	21	Fairhaven Intl	27½			5.4	9.2
8½	6½	Fortune	6				
77	54	Goal Pet	69	+1		2.5	18.2
46	31	Gt Western Res	42				
177	139	Hardy O & G	141			0.9	18.0
55	40	Kelt Energy	50			3.3	...
169	116½	LASMO	155	-4		0.8	...
73	53	-do- Units	59	+1	9.4	20.0	...
75	55	Monument	73				18.0
7½	4	New London	4½				
50	36	Oil Search	43	+1			
50½	17½	Petrol	38½	-½			

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
168	153	Pitt Pet	159	...			∞
111	100	Pineocrieff Rs	107				15.7
37½	21½	Premier	29½	-½		3.2	...
158	118	Presidio	128			0.4	...
212	129	Ramco Egy	202	-2		5.9	...
463	325	Ranger	405	-15		4.4	18.6
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Fl	7190½	+25		2.2	
4094½	3481½	Schlumberger	3546½	-96½			
65	50	Seafield	62	-1		4.2	21.9
758	651	Shell	722	-11			
187	128	Sunrise Eng Sv	129				
19	9½	Viking Grp	11½			1.7	...
237	178½	Woodside	222	-1			
110	29	XCL	75				

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	145	AG Holdings	145			4.5	13.3
444	374	API	374	-3		2.9	23.5
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	232	-5		3.0	40.6
730	540	Abbott Mead	675			1.9	15.0
33	17½	Aegis Gp	30	-2			
305	145	Aspen Comms	170			3.8	67.4
36	18	BBB Design	20				10.3
472	412	Benrose	412	-1		3.6	14.7
13½	6½	Birkdale	6½	-½			
186	139	Bond	166	-3		3.2	19.1
169	117½	CIA Gp	146			1.5	25.6
198	129	Capital Inds	189	+6		3.0	14.7
36	31	Chime Comm	31	-1			
99	76	City of Lon	92			6.0	14.9
439	304	Cropper (Jmes)	319			1.4	16.0
114	80	Delyn Group	82			2.5	14.9
137	104	Dolphin Pack	121			4.6	15.8
83	71	Dudley Jenkns	73			5.6	16.2
17½	12	Elswick	17½			2.4	19.0
101	75	Fairway Group	94	-1		4.6	17.6
430	341	Ferguson Intl	342			4.6	14.6
145	128	Ferry Pick	128			5.5	...
227	188	Filofax	210			1.0	33.7
17½	8	Finch	12½				
149	132	Gibbon Lyons	139			4.9	13.0
275	171	Gold Greenlees	170			3.7	∞
36	23	Goodhead	28			0.2	∞
30	6½	Hunnisprint	6½				
162	128	Intereurope	129			7.6	11.7
281½	248	Jarvis Porter	259			2.3	20.0
33½	22	Lopex	27	-1		1.2	38.5
431	344	More O'Ferrall	385	-2		4.3	22.2
425	230	Osborne & Little	410			2.0	14.9
60	34	Osprey Comms	38			0.2	...
820	513	Portals	659	-8		3.2	17.7
3	1½	Premier Hlth	2				
399	260	Quarto	261			2.9	14.1
412	322	St Ives Gp	361	-4		2.0	25.3
178	127	Saatchi	166				32.3
902½	464½	Sappi	868½	+12		1.5	5.3
30½	18	Serif	18½	-1			
57	20½	Shandwick	50½			1.1	7.6
573	398	Smith David	551			2.4	24.6
439	286	Smurfit (Jeff)	431			1.2	61.4
119	87	Sonic	87			3.6	∞
254	204	Star-Plus	204	-6		3.5	18.9
40½	29½	Taylor Nelson	39	-1		2.0	32.3
161	118½	VTR	135			3.7	21.4
36½	25	WMGO	27			2.3	13.2
128	63½	WPP	118	-1		1.1	∞
270	182	Wace	240	-1		2.1	23.3
291	209	Waddington (J)	230	-4		4.6	11.3
511	394	Warmough	394	-13		2.2	26.8
45	29	Walmsey Mcke	43				
132	98	Wyndeham	129			2.2	18.7

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	99	Allied Lon	109			4.2	14.7
48	36	Arcadian	43				
276	253	Argent	273	-2			
10½	3½	Ascot Hldgs	3½				
144	109	Asda	118			2.3	22.0
191	113	Avonside	135			4.1	15.6
2575	2090½	BCE	2159½	-25			
382½	258	Bilton	274			4.4	20.0
108	72	Bourne End	92			1.4	...
276	200	Bradford	208			3.9	14.8
474	360	Br Land	386	-4		2.4	33.8
137	121	Brightstone	121			3.9	27.4
276	179	Brixton	182	-3		3.5	15.9
118	90½	Burford	95	-1		2.1	30.9
112	105	CLS Hldgs	108				
207½	129½	Cap & Regnl	156			1.2	61.5
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	208			3.9	30.1
325	230	Cardiff Prop	233			1.3	52.1
185	152	Chelsfield	162	-5		2.9	40.0
678	530	Chesterfield	530	-5		2.6	23.8
112	98	Chesterton Int	108	-2		3.8	15.2
84	36	City Site Ests	63				
12½	7½	Clarke Nickolls	7½				15.7
350	265	Compco	310			3.3	∞
56	32	Conrad Ritter Gb	39			1.6	∞
1755	1458	Daejan	1485			2.4	17.3
25½	5	Davis Estates	10½				
159	103	Debenham Tewn	114			3.8	18.5
17	6	De Morgan	8				
189	161	Dencora	168	-2		2.5	47.2
347½	203	Derwent Hldgs	287			2.1	23.6
41	21½	Development Sec	21½				
51	45	Dwyer	51				
460	275	Estates Agency	330			3.3	44.7
47	19	Estates Gen	26½				
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	112	-1		2.7	20.4
43½	27	Ex-Lands	30			1.5	...
80	68	Fiscal Prop	70				
37	26	Five Oaks	27			0.9	...
78	62	Fletcher King	68	-1		7.0	30.8
536	407	Frogmore	433	-4		4.7	19.1
325	228	Grainger	285	-1		2.5	42.3
260	174	Gt Portland	175	-3		5.7	30.3
22½	12½	Greycoat	14				
260	149	HK Land	167	-7½		0.5	...
94	43	Hamilton Cosyw	47			0.7	47.2
435	329	Hammerson	351	-7		3.8	35.2
300	298	Helical Bar	303	-5		2.0	14.5
40½	29½	Hemingway	33			1.5	56.7
78	37	Herring Baker	49			3.8	...
315	138	Jermyn	169				59.9
702	586	Land Sec	609	-7		4.9	17.3
122	89	Lon Merch Sec	95			5.5	14.0
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582	409	MEPC	428	-6		5.8	24.6
13½	6½	McInerney A	6½				
190	164	McKay Secs	185			3.5	18.3
94	59	Merivale Mre	85			3.0	...
35	27	Moorfield	33			3.9	...
1425	1200	Mountview	1231½			2.3	12.2
196	134	Muckiow (A&J)	167			4.6	24.2
59	30	OEM	30				
64	37½	Olives Prop	39				14.6
191	148	PSIT	152½	-3½		3.8	21.6
299	255	Peel	257½			2.2	∞
162	157	Pillar Prop	158	-1		2.8	...
9½	5	Premier Land	5½				
53	32	Raglan	34				12.5
42	27	Regalian	27½				10.4
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	170	-3		1.3	10.8
153	115	Rugby Est	115			2.3	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	52	-1		2.9	13.0
78	59	Saville Grdn (I)	61			5.5	∞
100	74	Savills	74	-1		3.6	∞
108	82	Scot Met	87			2.3	...
135	102	Shaftesbury	102	-1			
17½	8	Sliders	8				4.2
307	221	Slough Estates	227	-5		4.5	48.5
103	60	Southend Prop	60			5.0	...
30	23	Stanhope Prps	26				
39	34	TBI	37½	-1			28
244	182	Tops Ests	189			1.5	45.0
165	119	Town Centre	125			3.5	22.4
107	91	Trafford Park	94	-1		4.3	∞
58	28	UK Land	32				
317	231	Warner	234			6.0	22.5
280	218	Warnford	230			4.2	13.0
7½	1½	Waterglade	2½				
103½	65	Wates	65	-3			
105	70	Wood John D	78			3.2	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagica	41	...	...	...	...
173	165	Clarnb Phipps	166			5.5	21.8
202½	143	Lambert	143	-7		6.1	13.7
75	53	Pittards	70			1.8	...
26	19	Strong & Fisher	22	+1		5.7	15.0
250	227	Stylo	242			2.1	23.3
69	50½	UK Safety	55	-1		6.0	11.3

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	488	Allied Text	511	-2		3.2	15.7
71	51	Beckman (A)	52			8.6	11.1
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	18	+2			
226	171	Br Mohair	200			3.3	27.2
385	292	Claremont Gs	305			3.1	15.9
593	451	Courtauld Text	498	-7		3.6	19.8
159½	119	Dawson	139	-1		2.7	...
42	28	Drummond	29				12.9
80	72	Fanpal	76	+1		4.1	12.9
29	19	Foster (John)	19				
168	113	Gaskell	152			3.5	...
33	25½	Helene Plc	27½			9.1	11.3
283	222	Hicking Pntcst	251	-5		2.3	17.8
73	55	Jerome (S)	63	+1		1.0	31.9
485	372	Lamont	372			4.2	14.2
340	265	Leeds	292			2.5	14.9
101	68	Lyles (S)	86			4.0	...
266	182	Parkland	182	-1		3.4	10.8
112	80	Readicut	82½	-1		5.2	14.2
70	47	SEET	53				
146	100	Sirdar	105			6.5	7.3
64	50	Stirling Gp	62			3.8	17.2
46	34	Stoddard	35			5.7	13.2
330	240	Tomkinsons	240			6.0	22.6
49	34	West Trust	34			9.2	23.8
289	239	Yorklyde	278			2.7	13.5

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
510	372	BAT	415	-8		6.2	10.9
489	337	Rothmans	409	-3		4.0	21.8

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	272	-9		3.3	25.7
541½	440	BAA	495	+2		2.3	31.1
128	103½	Badgerline	117	-1		4.4	...
496½	387	Br Airways	393	-4		3.5	12.3
108	75	Clarkson (H)	96			2.3	24.1
592½	259	Eurotunnel Uts	270	-1		...	...
97	55	Fisher (James)	56				
155	126½	IoM Steam	146			3.8	11.1
63	39	Jacobs (J)	48			4.3	...
111	91	Lon O'Seas Frs	91	-1		3.3	2.1
534	380	Mersey Docks	423	+1		2.8	20.5
347	285	Natl Express	345			2.7	22.4
291	158	NFC	167	+3		5.3	25.4
348	246	Ocean Group	268	+1		6.8	13.7
91	58	Ocean Wilson	75			5.3	9.6
743	597	P & O Dfd	660	-14		5.0	23.1
194	153	P & O 5 1/2%	194	+3		3.5	...
705	549	Powell Duffryn	566	-1		5.2	12.1
102	84	Seacon	90	-1		3.2	20.4
210	158	Stagecoach	209			2.5	20.8
131	89½	TNT	120				
915	803	Tibbet & Britn	813	-12	14.2	2.2	21.9
79	27	Tiphook	38				
327	217	TDG	225	-3		5.3	15.1
136	98	Ugland	136			0.7	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	101			2.0	...

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian Water	531	-13		5.4	13.8
365	283	Mid Kent Hlgs	330	-3		4.4	11.1
757	507	Northumbrian	652	-28		4.7	7.0
641	454	North West	531	-15		5.4	7.9
645	487	Severn Trent	529	-12		5.4	7.4
682	466	Sthrn Water	546	-17		5.3	7.9
1740	1325	Sth Staffs	1740			3.7	11.5
675	484	South West	528	-16		6.0	7.8
611	434½	Thames Water	488	-14		5.8	8.4
744	546	Welsh Water	642	-17		4.9	7.1
759½	581	Wessex Water	613	-17		4.8	8.4
630	458	Yorkshire W	523	-11		5.4	7.7

Source: Finstat

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]		Treas 9% 1994				
[illegible]		Treas 12% 1995				
[illegible]						

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]						

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LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115¼	93	Treas 8% 2009	97½	-1½	8.59	8.83
120¼	101½	Conv 9% 2011	101¾	-1½	8.83	8.77
127½	101¼	Treas 9% 2012	102½	-1½	8.81	8.76
93¾	72¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	72¾	-1½	7.58	8.51
114¼	91¼	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	91¼	-1	8.50	8.68
117¼	92¼	Treas 8% 2013	93¾	-1½	8.56	8.71
159½	127	Exch 12% 2013-17	129¼	-1½	9.27	8.94
128¼	99¼	Treas 8¾% 2017	100¼	-1½	8.69	8.67

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54¼	39½	War Ln 3½%	40¼	-½	8.66	...
37½	27½	Treas 2½%	25¼	-½	8.63	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
202	197½	Treas IL 2% 1996	199¼	-¼	2.86	4.07
113¼	106¼	Treas IL 4½% 1998	106¼	-¼	2.76	3.71
176¼	160½	Treas IL 2½% 2001	160¼	-¼	3.49	3.88
179¼	159¼	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160¼	-¼	3.58	3.90
118¼	107¼	Treas IL 4¾% 2004	107¼	-¼	3.61	3.90
186¼	165¼	Treas IL 2% 2006	166¼	-¼	3.65	3.89
168	147¼	Treas IL 2½% 2009	150¼	-¼	3.69	3.89
175¼	154¼	Treas IL 2½% 2011	155¼	-¼	3.71	3.90
146¼	126¼	Treas IL 2½% 2013	127¼	-¼	3.75	3.91
157¼	134¼	Treas IL 2½% 2016	136¼	-¼	3.76	3.92
152¼	129¼	Treas IL 2½% 2020	130¼	-¼	3.80	3.93
127¼	108¼	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109¼	-¼	3.79	3.91
120¼	105¼	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	107¼	-¼	3.83	3.96

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Income Port 505.20 537.50 -0.70 4.25
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(Accum Units) 163.80 173.50 ... 4.19
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Mental health department warning

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** feels a bit faint after suffering the art attack of *Smoking* and *No Smoking*, Alain Resnais' double-barrelled assault on Alan Ayckbourn



Even the excellent acting of Sabine Azéma in several roles cannot save Alain Resnais' *Smoking* and *No Smoking* from being a couple of dog-ends

Audiences have expected strange sights from Alain Resnais ever since he marooned them among the baroque mirrors, doors and bric-à-brac of *Last Year at Marienbad*. But nothing has quite prepared the world for ***Smoking*** and ***No Smoking***, linked films based on Alan Ayckbourn's *Intimate Exchanges*, a rarely performed eight-play two-hander offering 16 variant endings to assorted marriages and affairs.

Every frame in Resnais' abbreviated French version shouts "Artifice, artifice!" Sabine Azéma and Pierre Arditti, excellent actors playing nine parts between them, strut their stuff on a studio floor choked with backdrops and miniatures. We are told the location is the headmaster's house in a Yorkshire village. But the tidy sets, the chirping birds and brightly coloured costumes transfer the action to a world in limbo, suspended somewhere between theatre, cinema and the moon.

Resnais has drawn on theatre before: in 1986, he embalmed Henry Bernstein's museum piece *Mélo* in art deco splendour, with emotionally satisfying results. But the films' epic size — together they last nearly five hours — present special problems when the material is flimsy. Resnais, too, keeps his thoughts to himself: Ayckbourn is transferred and translated, not recreated by another artist.

For all the actors' skills, and the ingenious games played with time and chance, more becomes less as the films advance (they can be seen, Resnais stresses, in either order). After an hour, your heart sinks whenever the screen goes black, the dramatic clock is reset, and the principal characters — a fag-dangling headmaster, his nervy wife, his amorous best friend, an obliging handyman, and a punky home help — track another path through Ayckbourn's maze.

Ayckbourn himself must shoulder some blame. Although some stretches of *Smoking* hit the high spots, like the hotel scene with mounting teacakes or the crisis in the sports day refreshment tent, others offer trivial twists or the routine antics of farce. Elsewhere, it is cinema's fault: much of the tension of multiple role-playing vanishes if an audience never senses the actors offstage, frantically buttoning up.

Smoking/ No Smoking
Curzon West End, PG
140 mins/145 mins
Diminishing returns in Resnais's adaptation of Ayckbourn

Clear and Present Danger
Empire, 12, 141 mins
The best Jack Ryan adventure so far

Peeping Tom
Camden Plaza
18, 106 mins
Michael Powell's notorious horror film

Dazed and Confused
Warner West End
18, 96 mins
Mildly disappointing follow-up to Slacker

On a technical level, Resnais gives us plenty to relish. Apart from a gloomy churchyard set, Jacques Saulnier's garden patios, hotel terraces and misty clifftops are exquisitely designed and playfully fake. And, for British viewers, there is something surreal in this canvas of English life, dotted with details like the pink plastic mac of the headmaster's wife (worn, of course, under clear skies) and the quaint garden fête game of "pelting the varlet".

But neither pleasure is enough to pull audiences through both films. The material is always too light for the length: and the director plays this theatrical game to no obvious purpose.

Paramount has a clear purpose when it films a Tom Clancy novel. The Jack Ryan character is its franchise, to be exploited in adventures pitting the CIA stalwart against foes the world over. ***Clear and Present Danger***, the third in the series, is the most satisfying so far.

Since *Patriot Games* refitters have removed the CIA's open-plan offices, where the words "State Terrorism" hovered like signs above supermarket rows. Top writers, John Milius and Steven Zaillian included, have turned Clancy's novel into a tart script, one with a beady eye for government misdemeanours. And Harrison Ford has honed his act as the thinking man's action hero, fired by moral indignation and not hormonal imbalance.

The director, Phillip Noyce, lets a few sluggish passages through as he sets up the story linking a presidential chum's murder to a Colombian drug cartel. But, once Ryan, now the CIA's acting deputy director, enters the fray in Bogotá, the film springs to life. The ambush of a car convoy is especially vivid. Noyce, veteran of *Patriot Games*, also squeezes every drop of excitement from a battle between two CIA computers to control damaging files.

Not every plot turn brings good results. Although American hearts may beat faster when Ryan fights to rescue the paramilitary troops unleashed by the president's men, others might not feel so patriotic. There is no good place for Anne Archer, condemned to pull worried faces as Ryan's wife.

But the film usually tells its story well. And it is hard not to smile upon any Hollywood offering that looks so sourly on government behaviour and paints the president of America as a slippery Joe with Ronald Reagan's old gift for evasion.

Alongside the Barbican's Powell and Pressburger season, Michael Powell and Leo Marks's notorious **Peeping Tom** emerges for its first British commercial run since 1960. Critics of the day foamed at the mouth over its tale of a camera fiend who films his murder victims' last screams. *The Observer*: "Beastly". *The Daily Worker*: "Wholly evil". Derek Hill, in *Tribune*, expressed his feelings best: the only good way to dispose of the monster was to "shovel it up and flush it swiftly down the nearest sewer".

Since then, of course, the film has become a cult masterpiece, "one of those rare works of the Western cinema whose philosophical implications are practically limitless" (David Pirie). The film also carries the Martin Scorsese Seal of Approval.

It says something for *Peeping Tom* that even after three decades of mounting screen violence, this Sadean tale, laced with black humour, remains genuinely unsettling. Somehow, you would not want to invite its director into your home. A masterpiece, though? Not now, or ever.

True, Powell and his writer play wicked games with the theme of voyeurism. "Switch it off?" Carl Bohm's tender madman asks as he shows his fearful home movies to his naive friend Anna Massey. "No, no!" she bleats, disturbed yet transfixed. And, today, we appreciate far more the little in-jokes, the lurid colour, the period cornucopia of the newsagent's shop, old Penguins, Woodbines and all.

But, after a splendid, provocative beginning, the film tapers off. Whole sections sag: Massey's blind mother, played by Maxine Audley, is most obtrusive. Blow away the haze of words that surround *Peeping Tom* and you are left with the cold, unpleasant work of a distinguished director at a low ebb, maligning his talent with grubby material.

After documenting today's vacant youth in his shoestring feature *Slacker*, Texas filmmaker Richard Linklater has turned back the clock to 1976, when he was sweet 15. In industry terms, though, the man's moving on. For **Dazed and Confused** he got a budget of $6 million. Characters interact rather than sound off. The soundtrack is a nostalgia nut's dream. Some of his actors are vaguely known faces.

But extra professionalism comes with a price. You expect more plot than Linklater delivers as his high school juniors, has-beens and wannabes spend the last day of their summer term. They fight, drink and look bleakly into a mirror. "If these are the best years of my life", Jason London observes, "remind me to kill myself."

The film is saved from despair by the innocent eye at the storm's centre: Mitch, a high school recruit who tags along with his peers like a puppy. The producers spotted Wiley Wiggins in the Lana Turner manner, refreshing himself in a coffee shop. Even if other roles never follow, he has created one character with the spark of life.

OPERA: Laclos' novel set to music

You know the story, now hear the plot

The Dangerous Liaisons
San Francisco Opera

One should beware of being condescending about well-made new operas: there are far too many badly made new operas for that. Conrad Susa's *The Dangerous Liaisons*, given its premiere last Saturday by San Francisco Opera (which commissioned it), is a very well-made opera indeed.

It was starrily cast before Susa put pen to paper: Frederica von Stade was engaged as the Marquise de Merteuil, Renée Fleming as La Presidente de Tourvel, Thomas Hampson as Valmont. The roles are thus perfectly tailored to their voices — composers from Handel to Rossini to Britten worked in this way.

The producer Colin Graham was involved from an early stage, as he was in many Britten projects, and the conductor — Donald Runnicles, the SFO's music director — was also on hand to advise on orchestration. The results showed in the smooth flow of the performance and in the score's technical assurance: the words were easily audible. Not that this prevented SFO from providing surtitles as well, and the way listeners laughed at the projected jokes rather than the same jokes uttered by the singers suggested that audiences have now been conditioned not to listen to words at all.



Thomas Hampson as Valmont and Frederica von Stade as Merteuil hatch more devilry in *The Dangerous Liaisons*

So why, in the face of so much glamour and expertise, was the evening a disappointment? The librettist Philip Littell did not entirely avoid the dangers of adapting so well-known an original as Laclos' novel. Operatic timescales being what they are, there was little opportunity in two-and-a-half hours to do more than recount the plot; neither the characters nor their relationships were clearly established. Valmont was softened, and given an operatic death-scene; Tourvel became a conventional romantic heroine, and Merteuil a Bette Davis-style bitch.

Text-based operas from Monteverdi to Poulenc have succeeded on the quality of their librettos; this one, deliberately written in plain English, desperately needed music to give it texture and substance and, surprisingly, didn't get it — surprisingly, because Susa, a member of the composition faculty of the San Francisco Conservatory, should on past evidence have supplied both.

But here his neo-romantic music seemed content to chunter amiably along underneath the plot-heavy dialogue. Episodes that offered genuinely operatic opportunities — an "apologia pro vita sua" aria for Merteuil, or the scene in which Valmont, using the whore's back as a writing table, describes to Merteuil the letter he has written to Tourvel — drew a weightier response from Susa, but they were too few and far between.

But if the music was not quite strong enough to save the situation, the performances very nearly were. Von Stade made a riveting Merteuil: there have been few opportunities to hear her singing in her own language or portraying an unsympathetic character, and she did both quite magnificently. Hampson sang the sanitised Valmont with all the beauty of tone and musicianship for which he is admired, and Fleming's Tourvel was vocal and physical allure personified.

There were excellent contributions from Mary Mills and David Hobson as Cécile and Danceny, and indeed from Johanna Meier as Valmont's aunt — the last-named, in truth, one of a number of not strictly necessary characters.

Graham's expert production, Gerard Howland's economical but spectacular decor, and Runnicles's cogently paced conducting all worked in the piece's favour. But the lasting impression was of a rickety vehicle saved by the starriness of those in charge.

RODNEY MILNES

A fan stuck at the back of the queue

Tunku Varadarajan tries to satisfy his hunger for exotic film, and ends up as just another ghost at the feast

There are not a few people, with a palate for a certain stamp of film, who despair of London. For the city, lavishly endowed with cinemas, plays surly and fitful host to films that are not from the gracious stables of Hollywood and Europe.

If the senses crave the *diablerie* of an Idrissa Ouedraogo, or the spartan idiom of an Adoor Gopalakrishnan, then one must nose them out, like truffles. The low-budget, foreign language, profusely subtitled, often guileless film from Africa, India or Latin America — so alluring because their makers are often a step ahead of their own societies — is in London hostage to the mean scheduling priorities of British television. Care to savour the outrageous Papa Wemba's *La vie est belle*? Channel 4 will arrange to screen it at half-past midnight on a Sunday. Get yourself a video recorder, peasant, seems to be the message.

There are film festivals, of course, for which Londoners are intermittently grateful. They may only be rare treats, and their timetables often unkindly compressed, but those addicted to exotic celluloid tend to have thick skins and loads of stamina.

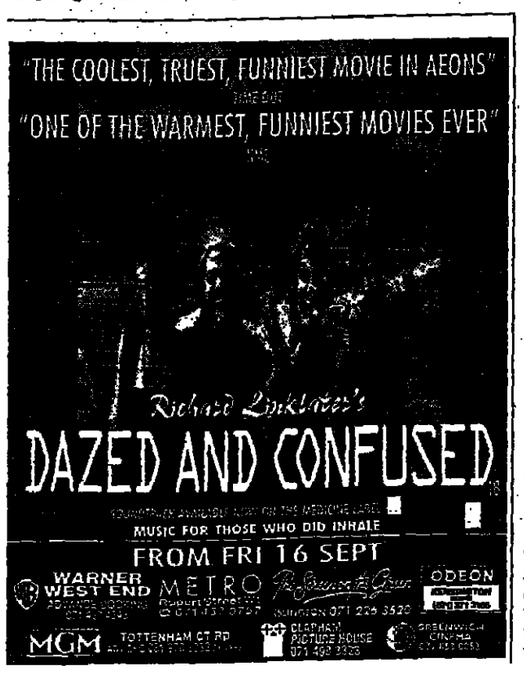
I imagine the delight, then, that will have rippled across this intense substratum of society when it was announced that a **Festival of Latin American Films** was to take place at the Metro cinema in Rupert Street, W1. Promised was a rich new paella of films, few of them screened before in London. The festival was touted in a stylish programme, printed on the sort of brown paper schoolchildren once used to cover their exercise books.

But my experience was one of frustration. A telephone number was listed in the programme for bookings and information. There should have been a prize for the caller who was able to get through. I had one successful attempt out of more than 50, only to learn from an uninterested voice, more Tottenham than Tegucigalpa, that credit card bookings were not being taken.

To those who haunt London's cinemas, the Rupert Street Metro will be familiar as one of the smallest. So the best films were sold out, and films not always screened as advertised. I arrived one evening, half an hour early, to see *The Strategy of the Snail* — Colombia's picture of the year — only to share my disappointment at failing to get in with a phalanx of bitter South American expatriates. Martica, an office cleaner from Medellín, was close to tears. Rigoberto, from Santiago, merely shrugged.

The jewel in the festival's crown, *Strawberry and Chocolate*, about homosexual life in Castro's Cuba, was beyond the reach of mortals. It will, one hopes, be favoured with a more general release.

Filmgoers brought into the open by this festival will return shortly to their normal lives: the programme ends today (for those with tickets). Still, there is always Channel 4. Thank God for small-screen, subtitled mercies!





LONDON

TWO WEEKS WITH THE QUEEN Alan Ayckbourn directs Mary Morris's funny and touching play "for family audiences", adapted from the novel by Morris Gleitzman. An Australian 12-year-old goes to the top to find a decent doctor to save his brother's life.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Sept 30, 7pm.

THE GLORY OF VENICE A "block-buster" of an exhibition opens today. This first comprehensive survey of 18th-century Venetian art includes paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture from, among others, Tiepolo, Piazzetta, Canaletto, Guardi, Canova and Piranesi.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438). Daily 10am-6pm, until Dec 14.

TODAY AT THE BARBICAN Another show also opens today, a world apart in style. **!Kung** is an exhibition of the vibrant and exciting art of contemporary Southern African Bushmen and includes prints, paintings, handcrafted baskets and quilts. Also on offer tonight is the **Lennox Children's Cancer Fund Gala** concert. Murray Stewart conducts the London Pro Arte Orchestra for a programme of Mozart, Bach and Vivaldi.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm. !Kung is at the Concourse Gallery until Oct 14.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

CARDIFF Berlioz's rarely performed *Beatrice and Benedict* is the second work of the season for **Welsh National Opera**. Elijah Moshinsky directs this new production and John Nelson conducts Sara Fulgoni and Donald Kaasch (making his British debut) take the title roles, with Rebecca Evans, Donald Maxwell and Karl Morgan Daymond.
New Theatre, Park Place (0222 394844). Tonight and Sat, 7.15pm.

PLYMOUTH Vanbrugh's restoration comedy **The Provoked Wife** has been chosen as the first production for the new Touring Partnership. John Nettles stars as Sir John Brute, Stuart Burge directs. With Rebecca Lacey, Patti Love, Katherine O'Toole, Paul Venables.
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade (0752 267222). Previews today 2.30pm (for UB40 holders); opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Sept 24.

EDINBURGH. Ruby Turner, Patti Boulaye, Grace Kennedy, Blair Wilson and Antoni Garfield Henry share the roles in Oscar Hammerstein's almost indescribably fabulous **Carmen Jones**. Simon Callow directs.
Festival, Nicolson Street (031-529 6000). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 3pm and 8pm, mat Wed, 2pm. Until Oct 1.

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Jewellery of the Classical World (071-636 1555) . **Courtauld**: French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings (071-873 2526) **National Portrait Gallery**: Edwardian Women Photographers, Master Drawings from the NPG (071-306 0055) . **Royal Academy**: The Belgian Avant-Garde 1880-1900 (071-439 7438) . **Tate**: Turner's Holland; William Blake Sculptors' Drawings (071-887 8000) **V & A**: Kitaj Print Retrospective, the Ironwork and Glass Galleries (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
□ **Seats at all prices**

◩ **DESIGN FOR LIVING** Clive Owen, Paul Rhys and Rachel Weisz in Coward's defence of the *menage à trois*. The evening is a lot of fun though Sean Mathias trumpets the bisexuality where Coward only hinted.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street WC2 (071-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

□ **THE HOSTAGE** Brendan Behan's exuberant romp, black around the edges, written at a time (1958) when "the Troubles" could be staged as farce.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm.

□ **JOKING APART** First night of previews for Alan Ayckbourn's 1978 black comedy about a phenomenally successful "golden couple" whose generosity and niceness have appalling consequences. Robin Herford directs.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Tonight, 7.45pm.

□ **MOOI STREET MOVES** Excellent two-hander by South African Paul Slabolepszy. A streetwise black and an up-country white team and reject the craft of survival in urban Jo'burg. Part of a four-month season from Talawa.
Cochrane, Southampton Row, WC1 (071-242 7040). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm mat today, 2.30pm. Final week.

□ **900 ONEONTA** David Beaird's terrific, vivid, filthy-tongued Gothic Southern drama — half for real, half spoof. Transferring to Ambassadors, Sept 20.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Tonight-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats today 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

◩ **THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD** Thrilling performance by Aisling O'Sullivan in Lynne Parker's strong, tough and vivid production of Synge's comic masterpiece.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Until Oct 15.

◩ **POOR SUPER MAN - A PLAY WITH CAPTIONS**: Ian Brown's Traverse production of Brad Fraser's latest look at a fragmenting generation of young Canadians. Ian Gelder plays a gay painter blocked in his work, Christopher Simon a restaurant owner who helps him out.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Previews begin tonight, 8pm. Opens Sept 19, 7pm.

□ **ST JOAN** Imogen Stubbs as the soldier-saint in a production full of mental passion, if you can overlook the scenic ado. Peter Jeffrey is superb as the Inquisitor.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **THE WINSLOW BOY**. Peter Barkworth, Simon Williams, Nyree Dawn Porter and Eve Matheson in Rattigan's ever-popular drama of a man's fight to prove his son's innocence when the Royal Naval College expels him for theft. Wyn Jones directs.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

◩ **SOME VOICES**: Ian Rickson directs Joe Penhall's play about an unwise love in Shepherds Bush. "A play about people who don't know what's good for them."
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◩ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ◩ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) □ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . □ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . ◩ **Dead Funny**: Vaudeville (071-836 9987) ◩ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ◩ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ◩ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) □ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) . □ **Lady Windermere's Fan**: Albery (071-867 1115) . ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) □ **The Miracle Worker**: Wyndham's (071-867 1116) . ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . □ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) . □ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) . . ◩ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

◆ **COLOR OF NIGHT** (18): Tawdry, unpleasant erotic thriller, with Bruce Willis as a therapist dogged by a murderer. With Jane March, director, Richard Rush.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

DARKNESS IN TALLINN: Mobsters plan to steal the gold reserves of newly independent Estonia. Ingenious and resonant thriller, from Finnish director Ilkka Järvilaturi.
ICA (071-930 3647)

◆ **MR JONES** (15): Contrived romantic drama about a manic depressive (Richard Gere) and his doctor (Lena Olin). Director, Mike Figgis.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574)

WRESTLING ERNEST HEMINGWAY (12): Richard Harris and Robert Duvall as old-timers beached in Florida. Tender but overstretched character study, directed by Randa Haines.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **WYATT EARP** (12): Over-solemn and reverential epic, with Kevin Costner as the lawman, and Dennis Quaid as Doc Holliday. Lawrence Kasdan directs.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **THE FLINTSTONES** (U): Hollow, noisy live-action treatment of the TV cartoon set in Stone Age suburbia, with John Goodman. Brian Levant directs.
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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

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THEATRE: Courageous Melville from the RSC, a Victorian *Tempest* and a little French comedy

A whale of a task all at sea

DONALD COOPER



David Calder (centre): doing all a reasonable man could do with Ahab's crazed pursuit of the white whale

THE ODYSSEY? A cinch, as the Royal Shakespeare Company itself went some way towards proving last year. *Paradise Lost*? A bit long and heavy, but far from impossible. The Book of Revelation? Admittedly a trickier proposition. But if I have read one major work which would seem wholly inimicable to theatrical adaptation, it is *Moby Dick*.

Certainly, you have to admire the courage of Rod Wooden and his director, Gerry Mulgrew, in taking on all that sea and symbolism, not to

Moby Dick
Barbican Pit

mention all those metaphysical musings. Add to them a surprising lack of dramatic incident and even conflict and, not least, what the late Kenneth Tynan called "the supremely unstageable whale". The chap who has just conquered a Himalayan peak with the aid of one leg and a pair of crutches surely had it less hard.

Tynan was reviewing Orson Welles in the role of Melville's comparably shankless hero, and found him vast but monotonous, "a leviathan plus". David Calder, who plays Captain Ahab here, is of more human dimensions — leviathan minus — and still does not succeed in avoiding monotony. But that is less his fault than that of the role. It would be easier to turn granite into silly putty than to inject variety and nuance into a monomania as absolute and unchanging as Ahab's.

Still, Calder does all a reasonable or, better, an unreasonable man could do with Ahab's crazed pursuit of the white whale that relieved him of his leg. He clomps commandingly about the tiny stage, growling and fulminating and defying God and good sense from inside his grizzled chops. He certainly makes the adapter's initial suggestion — that his expedition is a macho adventure with vaguely misogynistic overtones — look even more inadequate than it is. Indeed, all I would wish different about him is the limb or non-limb itself, which comes in a white stocking and cricket shoes and looks pretty unravaged and real.

Karen Tennent's set consists of a bare floor, a platform with a mast at the back, a white sheet, a tarpaulin, and a lot of ropes for the cast to clamber up and dangle from. With help from Karen Wimhurst's restless score, plus flashes of lightning and what sometimes sounds like the Barbican Centre falling down, Mulgrew is able to create the feel of a ship venturing way beyond its means. Yet here, too, a certain monotony has set in by the time Moby Dick appears in the somewhat banal form of a plump actor covered with white powder.

Of the supporting cast, Christopher Colquhoun's elegant Queequeg makes an impact, and might make more if Wooden had not priggishly deprived him of some of the primitive menace Melville wanted. Christopher Hunter's bleak, furrowed Starbuck is a strongish presence, too, though he gets insufficient opportunity to display his increasingly murderous exasperation with Ahab's obsession. And that's another reason the effect is less of a living drama, more of a big, grim oratorio.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Intriguing parallels

The Tempest
Birmingham Rep

THE ship, racked on furious waves, is a black platform suspended on ropes, almost becalmed in a serenely billowing cave of white silk. The boatswain cries "Yare! Take in the topsail!" sleepily in a whisper. The courtiers on board, in top hats and tailcoats like coffin bearers going down quietly at their own funeral, might already be thousands of leagues under the sea and beyond man's life.

Director Bill Alexander, divining parallels between epochs of discovery that rocked Faith, the Renaissance of Galileo, explorers and occult philosophers and Darwin's 19th century, tests *The Tempest* against Victorian theatrical styles. It proves an often intriguingly apt angle, though not without awkwardness. Jeffrey Kissoon's Prospero, with swirly cape, is a prestidigitator of the vintage variety with a touch of Dracula. This castaway Duke of Milan is in melodramatic mode, falling to one knee as he reveals the past to his beloved Miranda. He hunches over with emotion and a hint of Quasimodo. This is a bold approach but can smack of indulgence.

Though not all the cast are fully supple and lively yet, the show has humour: Trinculo the Jester (salty, sloshed Geoffrey Freshwater), in a loud checked suit, shins bared, is our end-of-the-pier entertainer. Richard McCabe's Caliban, lumbering below the cliffs, is the Igor of the island: his impeded speech issues from gothically outlined lips in a Parisian accent with a Transylvanian slant. Miranda and Ariel (unaffected Ginny Holder and diligently tense Rakie Ayola) are like doppelgänger daughters bringing out the Jekyll and Hyde in Prospero, a loving and cruel father figure: equally, Caliban's stoop, with an element of Neanderthal, echoes his master's.

The company queries ideas of superiority, investigating race, intelligence and age. Inverting colonialist assumptions, badly-bred Caliban is white. Sophisticated Prospero and innately elegant Miranda are black. On another level Caliban is mentally defective like an asylum inmate. Yet, aping his "betters", he makes fools of them, leaving you wondering if such wit is unwitting. Ariel has the manner of a bullied little girl. However, she controls a crew of men. Spasmodically clutching her eyes closed, she might be remedial and disturbed or a precociously bright sensitive child.

The production has its problems. The Asian dancers, replacing the masques, are unintegrated. Ariel is costumed in Quality Street wrappers. Silhouetting figures against an epic moon is a bit naff nowadays. If it has clumsy touches, Alexander's reading is strong and clear. A good production by most standards but not enthralling.

KATE BASSETT

The shorter the better

Le Chandelier
Greenwich Studio

IN HER prettily decorated bedroom a young wife appears to be sleeping. There comes a knock at the door and in strides her husband, carefully carrying *un chandelier*. This he places on a nearby chair before rousing his wife and informing her that a man has been seen clambering through her window.

A word of explanation about *le chandelier* is in order. Maître André has *not* come staggering into the bedroom under the weight of a cluster of lustres. In French the word means a candlestick. And the point of the title that Alfred de Musset gives his little comedy is explained when the husband withdraws and a captain of dragoons emerges from the wardrobe. In his regiment, he tells Jacqueline (in a foolishly loud voice), *un chandelier* is what they call some innocuous fellow whose job it is to attend a married woman and unwittingly distract the husband's attention from the affair she is enjoying with someone else. Jacqueline must find someone who will carry the candle, and her eye soon lights upon her husband's junior clerk, Fortunio.

We are not well acquainted with de Musset in this country. His surging romantic drama *Lorenzaccio* was given a showing at the National Theatre a few years ago, but his other works for the theatre consist of short, light comedies, sometimes with a strain of bitterness, although this is not so in *Le Chandelier*. The two or three that have surfaced recently in fringe theatres suggest that his strength lay in the one-act play, at least when the plot is simple. Allowed to spread over two hours, as here, with a twist in the tale that we can all see coming a mile off, the play's thin substance is exposed, and only polished acting can take us happily through it.

Camilla Nash's direction of her own translation for a visiting company, Chameleon Productions, resourcefully uses two cubes and a slab for bed, table, desks and garden seat, but a tendency to leave needed props (the candlestick, a glass of water) on chairs draws attention to a shortage of means. On the other hand, John Elvery's sepia backdrop of rose arbours and fountain is exquisite, and allows our eyes to linger there when Fortunio's ardent speeches cease to please.

Daniel Fredenburgh's good looks and earnest gaze suit the role well enough. Jane Millman could have tried a more feathery interpretation of Jacqueline instead of the uniform self-command she gives us. The best performance comes from Ian Lindsay's outwitted master of the house, a pouter pigeon in bulging cherry-red waistcoat, puffing and beaming like one of the jollier members of the Pickwick Club.

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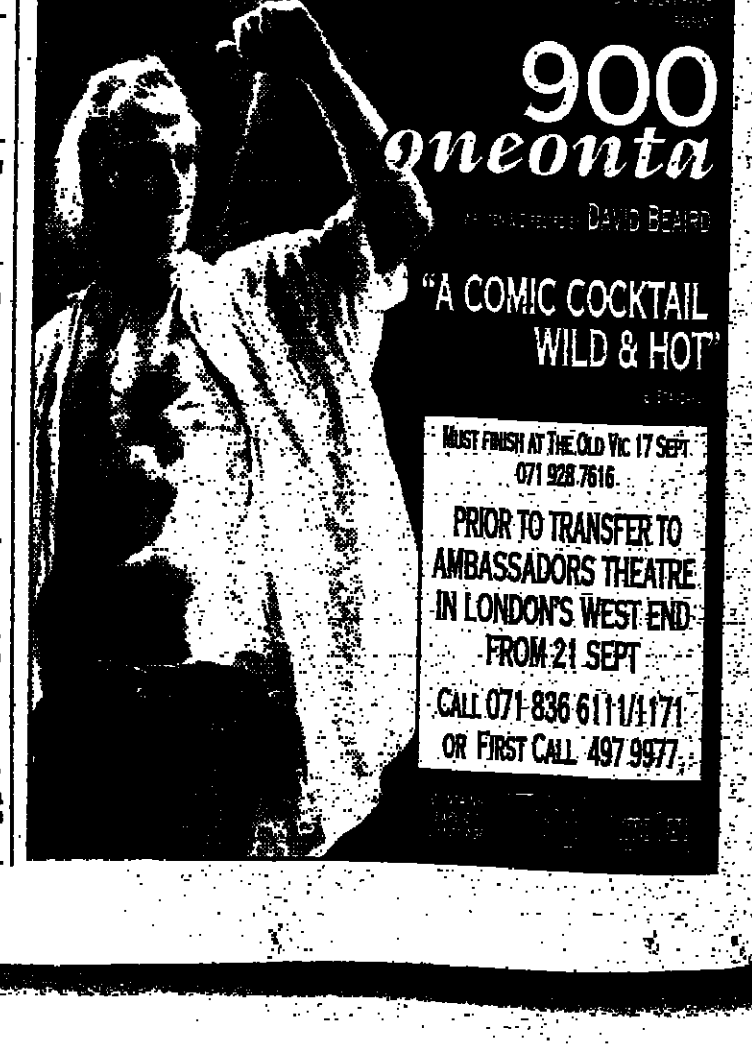
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Outsider's insights take many forms

VISUAL ART: **John Russell Taylor** pays tribute to Eduardo Paolozzi, eternal bad boy of British sculpture

Even at the age of 70 and apparently loaded with honours (RA, knighthood), Eduardo Paolozzi remains the great outsider of British art. This paradoxical position is not so difficult to achieve as might be supposed: Stanley Spencer occupied one almost identical, and there are many more who ought by rights to have been pillars of the establishment but somehow resolutely refused to fulfil conventional expectations.

While, say, Anthony Caro's seventieth birthday has been spectacularly celebrated here, there and everywhere, Paolozzi's is marked only at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Looking at the splendid display there, one has to ask why.

Paolozzi is quintessentially the awkward customer, who consistently refuses to toe any line except his own. The earliest works in the show date from the late Forties, the most recent from 1994. An enormous number and variety of works have sprung from Paolozzi's fertile imagination in the four and a half decades in between, for he has a Picasso-like productivity and readiness to make mistakes, to set out in new directions.

At a glance, his development may seem to be quite random, failing to find any definitive direction among the multiplicity tried. Another instant reading might be that, like Warhol, a perfectly capable original artist decided at some stage to give it all up, write himself out of the picture, and take refuge in manipulating readymades instead.

These hasty views are both true and not true. If one looks through the range of portrait heads in the curving, gradually ascending Bothy Gallery (the only part of the show arranged in chronological order), the sense of continuity is absolute from first to last. It becomes clear that the vision is consistent; merely the materials used in the expression of that vision change.

The earliest head here, *Mr Cruikshank* of 1950, contains beneath its smooth surface all the disruptive forces which will break out later, into the heads looking up, which resemble models of Italian hill towns, or the fragmented heads of the Eighties, which seem to have been cut up and stuck brusquely together again, rather like the collages Paolozzi has made from publicity pictures of public figures.

> 'The vision is consistent; only the materials used to express it change'

And like Bacon, Paolozzi, for all the distortions, ends up with a recognisable likeness.

Frequently, face to face with a Paolozzi, other artists — Anthony Gormley, say, or Richard Deacon — come to mind. But the uncanny thing is that they are all later and much more reverentially accepted than he. Initiating British Pop Art, Paolozzi was working alongside Richard Hamilton and Peter Blake, recycling mass-produced readymades and images from pop culture, but again the evidence seems to be that he got there first. The influence is generally unacknowledged, but it must be real, and seems to be vital in the development of British art in the latter part of the century. Not for nothing has Paolozzi been one of the most successful art teachers of the period.

Something inescapably evident throughout the show is that Paolozzi just naturally thinks in sculptural terms. He is fascinated by the three-dimensional patterns that things make, whether he is modelling directly, as in the extraordinary rounded yet barbed structures of the Fifties, or fantasising with given elements, as radically reinterpreted as Picasso's re-invention of a bicycle seat as an animal head.

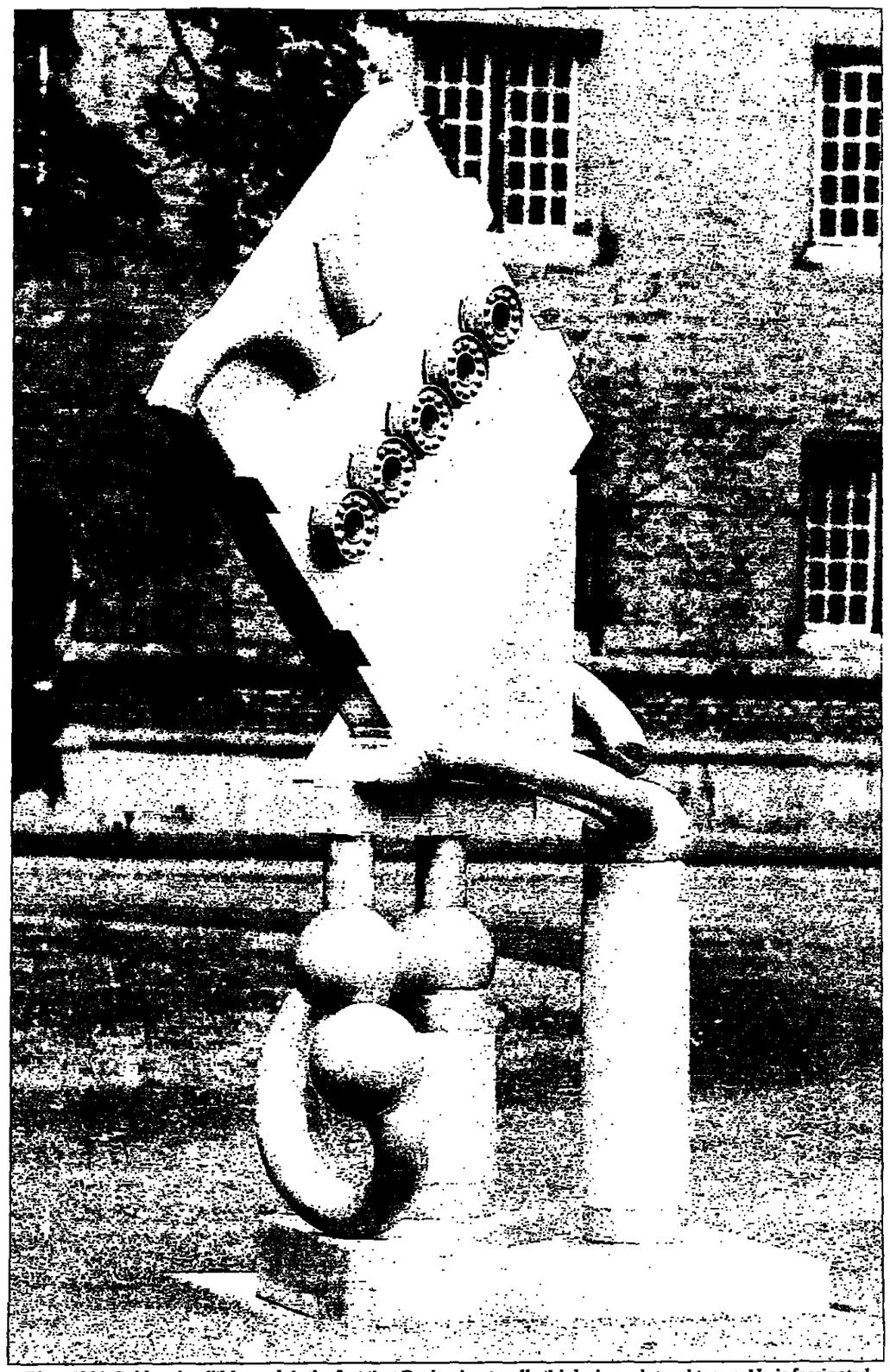
The big aluminium pieces made for Terence Conran in the Sixties dominate their space with complete authority, and, essentially urban as they are, seem amazingly at home in the leafy environment of the park, magically evoking abandoned machinery in the disused mines far below the rustic surface.

The newest pieces, mostly connected with Paolozzi's recent Edinburgh commission *The Wealth of Nations*, are monumental yet oddly playful. Indeed, someone should put into practice his funny, serious idea for arranging the bits and pieces of the sculpture on a railway truck and running it round the system as a sort of mini-museum on wheels.

How extraordinary it would be just accidentally to catch a glimpse of it bowling past in a Scottish glen, or temporarily at rest in a siding. But that is the sort of idea that this bad boy of sculpture comes up with every day. If he goes on like this, he will never be respectable. But then he would be the last one to wish it.

● Yorkshire Sculpture Park, *Bretton Hall, West Bretton, Wakefield, West Yorkshire (0924 830302). Gallery shows until October 2, outdoor sculptures until spring 1995*

● **The captions for photographs of sculptures by Nigel Hall and Paul Neagu, accompanying Richard Cork's review of the Goodwood sculpture park in Tuesday's paper, were transposed in some early editions. Our apologies to both artists**



Girot, 1964: Evident in all his work is the fact that Paolozzi naturally thinks in sculptural terms. He is fascinated by the three-dimensional patterns that things make, whether modelling directly or fantasising with given elements

Singer departs Garden's new Ring

ONE of the world's top Wagnerian singers has engaged in a furious row with the Royal Opera, just four weeks before Covent Garden launches its new cycle of Wagner's *Ring*. Waltraud Meier, the 38-year-old German mezzo-soprano who was due to sing in *Die Walküre*, has been sacked because, she claims, she missed three preliminary days of rehearsal last week. She has responded by threatening not to appear again at the Royal Opera House.

A Covent Garden statement said "Waltraud Meier is suffering from exhaustion and has therefore been unable to attend the agreed number of rehearsals for its forthcoming new production of *Die Walküre*." The Royal Opera adds that rehearsals began on September 8, but claims that because of the singer's "urgent need to rest now" and other commitments later on, she would not have been able to join the cast until a fortnight later, leaving only four days in the rehearsal studio before stage rehearsals began."

Meier, who has sung in *Ring* productions in Bayreuth and at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, claims that she "renounced other important offers" in order to accept the London *Walküre* engagement. "She feels extremely hurt by the decision of the administration which she does not understand," says Germinal Hilbert, Meier's agent. "It happens that a singer gets sick during a rehearsal period and it would end up in a chaotic situation if the singer is replaced because of missing three days of rehearsals. Ms Meier gets the impression that she is not respected by the administration of Covent Garden."

According to a Royal Opera spokeswoman, however, "that is absolutely not the case. There is a good deal of respect for her and indeed her predicament over her state of health. And in respect to her and her standing, many concessions had already been made over the degree of her availability during the crucial rehearsal period of a new production."

The role of Sieglinde will now be sung by the Swedish soprano Ulla Gustafsson, who is a member of the Berlin State Opera. *Die Walküre* opens on October 14.

DANCE: **Allen Robertson** on the choreographer Ellen van Schuylenburch

A chance to show her legs

Independence can be a costly commodity. A dancer who isn't linked to a parent company can never count on the monthly pay cheque to settle the rent. But if that dancer is strong, fierce-minded and determined to do things his or her own way then independence is a gamble that is well worth the risks.

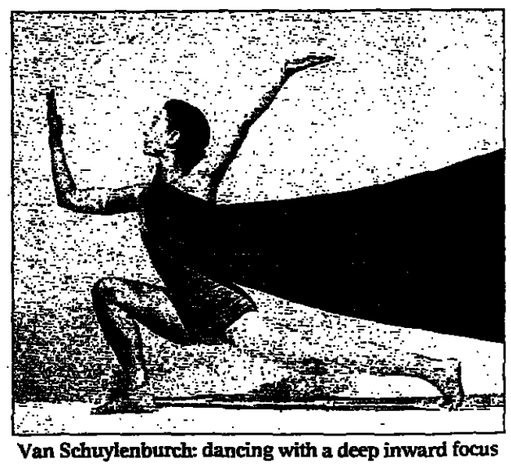
No one working in Britain today is a better example of an independent dance artist than Dutch-born Ellen van Schuylenburch. "Oh, don't say that," she pleads in her soft, slightly slurred accent. "Too many people think of themselves as 'artists' and believe what they're doing is 'art'. For me it's work. I don't behave like an 'artiste', I just work."

Work brought van Schuylenburch to London a decade ago after meeting a Scottish lad in a Merce Cunningham class in New York. Once they started chatting they quickly realised how many ideas they shared. So, when he asked her if she would come to Britain to work with him for three months, she agreed. At the time she was so sure it would be a flying visit that she didn't even bother to give up her New York apartment.

His name was Michael Clark and van Schuylenburch ended up spending several years working with him. Right from the start they were something of an odd couple. She is intense, pensive, rarely smiles and dances with a deep inward focus that approaches melancholy. On the other hand, like Clark, she is an exceptional performer with a body that seems incapable of making a wrong move.

For all her continuing devotion to Clark, she maintains it was never a question of being exclusively linked to his company. "I always work on a project-by-project basis," she explains. "Each time when a project starts I decide, 'yes, this is what I want to do'. You choose to do it because you believe in it, not because a contract says you have to."

Van Schuylenburch's latest choice is a solo that opens the third annual Vivarta festival next week. She became involved in this showcase of new South Asian dance earlier this year after receiving a Digital Dance Award that allowed her to travel to India in order to collaborate with choreographer Daksha Sheth and experimental Indian musician Shrikanth Sriram.



Van Schuylenburch: dancing with a deep inward focus

"I learnt a lot, but three weeks in India is not long enough to penetrate inside a culture. So you have to be careful, you have to remain yourself, maintain your own identity. It's no good just imitating because that would be ridiculous and it would just look hammy and clichéd."

Sriram agrees: "That would've been like these Indians who come back from London saying 'what ho' and 'pip pip'. It's just not real."

A progressive jazz musician from Bombay, Sriram proved to be her lifeline in the provincial town of Trivandrum, on the southern tip of India. His city mentality helped to counteract the restrictive traditions she found all around her.

"Even in the studio, I couldn't expose my legs, I had to wear trousers even though it was 35 degrees by the middle of the morning, and," van Schuylenburch laughs, "I don't wear a bra. On the street people would look at me and I could hear them saying 'no Playtex' in their heads."

"She's got very strong ideas of her own," Sriram says. "She's not a person who can be pounded and moulded into any shape you like."

Van Schuylenburch says that is why she chooses to remain an independent dancer. But she also doesn't want to spend the rest of her career just being a soloist. "That would be a bit like those panda bears who only eat bamboo leaves. That's not a very good idea. It's too specialised. It's going to kill them."

Her solo for Vivarta is called *Silence is a Rhythm too*. People who expect to hear a traditional tabla player are in for a big surprise. Sriram's music is played on his electric bass and even includes some furious metal riffs. "He makes textures instead of rhythms," says van Schuylenburch. "He gives me a sculptural space rather than the steady beat of Indian dance music."

In addition van Schuylenburch will not only be exposing her legs, she will be wearing a high-fashion gown made of multi-coloured Lurex. She sees the subversive humour of this, so the dance will even include a pink neon sign which eventually floats into view announcing: "As seen in *Vogue*".

"Ok," she says, "so a lot of traditionally-minded people aren't going to think this is Indian dance; but I know it is, because it would never have turned out this way if I'd stayed in London."

● Vivarta 1994 *opens at the Phoenix Arts, Leicester (0533 554854) on Sunday with Ellen van Schuylenburch and Roger Sinha; at The Place Theatre, London (071-387 0031) Mon-Tues*

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CONCERTS: An eccentric singer-songwriter makes her name in Camden; a world-class British saxophonist shines at Ronnie Scott's

Celtic without the twilight

Katell Keineg
Camden Jazz Café

ON THE sleeve of her debut album, *O Seasons, O Castles*, the madly laughing Katell Keineg looks like the loudest of party guests or, more worryingly, like an hysteric. In person, though, she resembles the sort of tall, self-contained and sensible-sounding woman we are used to seeing as presenter of *The Late Show*. Such a similarity is shattered when she starts to sing: no BBC2 anchorperson could boom out a cappella a Bretonesque celebration of cider-drinking and keep her contract.

But even though she is a comparative unknown in London, a sparse audience — which seemed to comprise two parts exiled Irishman to one part Japanese tourist — loved the concept. And a cheerfully persistent heckler began by demanding to know how to pronounce that name.

"Ka-tell Kay-neck," said its owner, patiently and phonetically. "It just rolls off the *tongue*, doesn't it? And leaves a lovely warm feeling in your mouth." A record company press release attributes this impressively difficult moniker to the fact that the young singer was born in Britanny. She grew up in Wales, it adds, and is now poised to be the Next Big Thing in Ireland.

Safest to say, then, that the identity is Celtic, but if that conjures up visions of a latter-day Enya or *Clannad*, the listener is in for a rude awakening. Keineg's voice is too big and wayward — and sometimes, it must be said, far too much a stranger to purity of tone — for comparisons with such carefully-wrought pastoral idealism to hold true.

Instead, whether playing solo and acoustically, or in unison with her two modest male companions, she is a singer and songwriter who gains her power by juxtaposing ugly with beautiful and then letting the two battle it out for ascendancy. Examples are the way in which the challenge of "Waiting For You To Smile" is undone by its preface of a breathy scrap of poetry, or in which "Destiny's Darling" — irritatingly cute on record — is subverted and hence saved in live performance by the irony that undercuts her otherwise cheerful delivery. The result is an acquired taste, but one worth persevering with. Just learning how to say the name makes a good first step.

ALAN JACKSON

King of the altos

Peter King Quintet
Ronnie Scott's

IF THE name of British alto player Peter King appears in print, it is a fair bet that some variant of "sadly neglected" or "cruelly under-rated" will swiftly follow, with "Charlie Parker-disciple" not far behind. While both characterisations contain some truth, King's current residency at Ronnie Scott's should emphasise a more important, central truth about the man: he is a highly individual, world-class player with an instantly recognisable sound and an apparently inexhaustible improvisatory gift.

Sharing frontline duties with the sensational young trumpeter Gerard Presencer, and backed by Steve Melling (piano), Alec Dankworth (bass) and Stephen Keogh (drums), King began and ended a blistering set with his trademark high energy, eel-like alto showcased by hard bop vehicles.

In between, however, on a moody, medium-tempo lope through Gershwin's "My Man's Gone Now", on which he played soprano, and on John Coltrane's beautiful slow-burning "Naima", he demonstrated just how firm a grasp he has on jazz developments post-bop.

In Gerard Presencer, with whom he has played in Charlie Watts's Parker-tribute band and in pianist Stan Tracey's superbly muscular octet, King has found the perfect foil. Like King, Presencer is a born soloist, his horn eating up tune changes with a relish bordering on delirium. His control, his fleet surefootedness, and his firmness of tone — warm and burnished on ballads, blazingly brilliant on uptempo numbers — have already moved even jaded observers to link his name with that of the most revered of jazz trumpet legends, Clifford Brown.

The tight cohesion of the quintet's rhythm section — Dankworth and Melling are, after all, old sparring partners, having collaborated in the latter's trio and in drummer Clark Tracey's hard bop quintet over the years — provided a relaxed but sparky backdrop for the two soloists' flaring pyrotechnics.

Perhaps, now that the mid-1980s obsession with jazz musicians' suits and haircuts is dead and buried, attention can once again be focused on musical excellence. On this showing, Peter King can only profit from such attention.

CHRIS PARKER

Realism of a magician

David Ekserdjian admires the genius of Memling, but has doubts about his interpreter

It is Memling year, and largely thanks to Dirk de Vos, the fifth centenary of his death is being celebrated in style. Not only is he the organiser of an exhibition of Memling's work and that of his followers in Bruges, but he has also produced this massive and extremely *handsome* monograph to coincide with it.

Memling — Hans rather than Jan — was born in Germany, but became a Netherlander by adoption, and one of the best, which is high praise indeed. The Italians of the 15th century achieved great strength in depth, but it may be that they never scaled the heights reached by Jan van Eyck in the *Mystic Lamb* in Ghent or Rogier van der Weyden in his Prado *Deposition*. Memling is not far behind, although even his masterpieces, such as the altarpiece for the Hospital of St John in Bruges and the *Last Judgement* in Gdansk, are a notch or two below these peaks.

If De Vos's *catalogue raisonné* confirms the excellence and consistency of Memling's accomplishment, then it also makes it clear that his reputation for being ever so slightly bland is unmerited. There are too many works that contradict the piously anodyne stereotype, not least among them the nightmarish vision of the damned pitched into hell-fire in the Gdansk altarpiece.

Similarly, his Passion pictures are in the main far from bloodless, while the portraits that formed such a significant part of his production are almost invariably forcefully conceived. A plump female nude contemplating her features in a round mirror reveals his taste for allegory, but also for the everyday, and the same goes for his rare still lives, whose symbolic significance is only enhanced by what we might describe as their magical realism.

If Memling emerges with flying colours from the protracted scrutiny required for a monograph, the same cannot be said unreservedly of De Vos. The fundamental problem concerns his criticism as opposed to his scholarship. From a technical point of view, his work is unimpeachable. Science is increasingly crucial in the study of early Netherlandish painting, and De Vos uses it to good effect. Dendrochronology — dating by analysing the tree-rings of panels — is resorted to at every opportunity, but is not regarded as a magic remedy for every difficulty, and there is much discussion of the information on underdrawings to be gleaned from infra-red reflectography. In addition the details of the lives of individual patrons are thoroughly explored.

It is the main body of the text that disappoints. When we read that Van der Weyden "*passed away*", we are reminded that this is a translation, and make appropriate allowances. By contrast, the suggestion that painting was "the ideal medium for the expression of narcotic ecstasy, of childish religious dreams in which fear of death was sublimated" gives real cause for alarm. There is nothing childish about Memling's idea of damnation, and anyway what distinguishes his fear of death from ours is the fact that he believes in the possibility of there being worse to come.

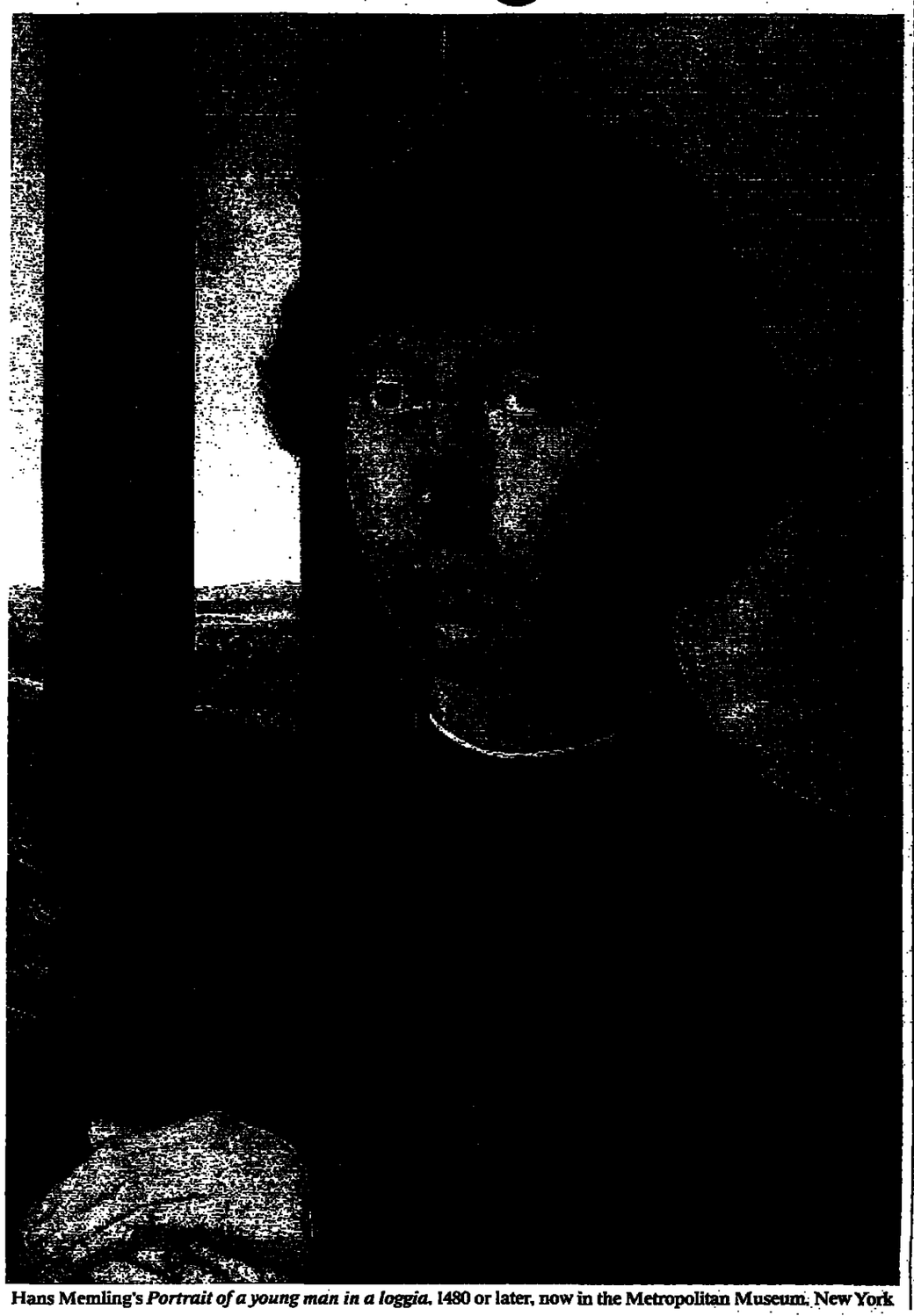
Elsewhere De Vos asserts that Memling's patrons were "for the most part narcissistic, wealthy and ostentatious merchants, knights and prelates". Furthermore, they belonged to a terminally hypocritical society, with the result that Memling's Virgins "hang within the four-poster bed of adultery". I would not wonder if it turned out that they used unleaded fuel and failed to recycle their rubbish to boot.

HANS MEMLING
The Complete Works
By Dirk de Vos
Thames & Hudson, £95

This all seems strangely unnecessary: there can be few people alive, far less who will read this book, who imagine that the past was exclusively populated by goodies. Die-hard members of the "the Queen never goes to the loo" school of thought may subscribe to this view, but the rest of us are only too well aware of the fact that countless monsters and even nonentities commissioned great works of art. Some of them actually painted the pictures and carved the statues. What distinguishes Memling's patrons from other villains of history (and there can be little evidence of their crimes beyond their taste in art) is the good turn they did to posterity.

It is only reasonable to suppose that De Vos admires Memling's work, but he appears singularly ungrateful towards those who made it possible. He may think that Memling would have been a better painter if he had remained untrammelled by the "constraints" imposed upon him by patrons. He may even find religious subject-matter a bore. In fact, of course, if we are obliged to interpret the desire for richly and beautifully painted images, often containing haunting likenesses of their donors, as evidence of narcissism and ostentation, then we ought to be all, in favour of the latter.

More generally, and perhaps more significantly, one does not emerge from this book with any clear sense of what De Vos thinks of Memling or of his place in the Netherlandish tradition. He has shown us a number of pearls, and polished many of them to perfection, but he has not managed to create the flawlessly linked necklace we might have hoped for.



Hans Memling's *Portrait of a young man in a loggia*, 1480 or later, now in the Metropolitan Museum, New York

A regiment of women

Dea Birkett

MAIDEN VOYAGES
Writings of Women Travellers
Edited by Mary Morris
Virago, £16.99

THE OXFORD BOOK OF MODERN WOMEN'S STORIES
Edited by Patricia Craig
OUP, £17.99

Do women write differently from men? If the word "women" was struck from the cover of these two anthologies, would we guess that the contributors were all from the fairer sex? Both these collections of previously published work inevitably argue that "women" is a literary category which has been underrated and ignored.

To put women back on the map, *Maiden Voyages* takes a wide chronological sweep through women's travel writing, from Lady Mary Wortley Montagu's 18th-century foray into a Turkish harem, to Dervla Murphy camping on a Madagascan mountainside.

The earlier contributions have an undeniably feminine touch. Frances Trollope lingers upon the agreeable airiness of her new Ohio sitting-room and tuts at the smell of whiskey and tobacco on a visitor's breath. Mabel Sharman Crawford, in a feeble Victorian defence of the wandering woman, argues that "unquestionable as it is that woman's sphere, as wife and mother, lies at home" for unmarried women, at least, travel is "more improving than crochet-work or embroidery". Other essays from earlier centuries trail their long skirts across continents with decorum, treading with care over what they all agree is essentially masculine terrain.

But by the time we reach the 20th century, the tone has changed. Gone is the apologetic, coy and disapproving schoolmistress manner. Instead we get gut, gore and passion. The most modern contributors — including Helen Winternitz, Sarah Hobson and Joan Didion — are refreshingly raunchy. Annie Dillard's bloodthirsty tale of a deer's tortured, lingering death while she gleefully tucks in to venison stew, comes as a huge relief from a plethora of delicate domestic minutiae.

If, however, by the time we leave the Victorians behind, there is very little difference between male and female writers, what justifies and gives coherence to a 20th-century collection? Patricia Craig, editor of *The Oxford Book of Modern Women's Stories*, answers — "to redress the balance". Citing earlier anthologies of short stories, she uses impressive statistics to prove that women have been poorly represented. Her argument, however, is flawed, for her contributors are some of this century's most well read and respected writers. Muriel Spark, Edna O'Brien, Joyce Carol Oates, Nadine Gordimer and Fay Weldon can hardly complain about being pushed to one side by the literary establishment.

Modern Women's Stories is a selection of beautifully crafted, quality pieces. The very best of these stories juxtapose a poignant family scene against a great historic moment: Ellen Gilchrist's "Victory Over Japan" frames the anguish of a boy who has been bitten by a squirrel against news that the atomic bomb has been dropped on Hiroshima; Doris Lessing's "The Day Stalin Died" explores the everyday incomprehensions between family members and their differing reactions to the dictator's demise.

But this is a very safe collection. *Modern Women's Stories* suffers from being too mainstream. We miss a certain rawness; we miss being surprised and shocked. Its confident cosiness is compounded by most items having been written intentionally as short stories, and therefore self-contained. Each is a meal in itself.

Maiden Voyages, by contrast, is made up almost entirely of extracts from larger works, fleeting glimpses of a longer journey. Here, the contributions are a selection of snacks which serve as an introduction to each author. We want to go on and devour more. *Modern Women's Stories* plants a flag for women on well-mapped territory; *Maiden Voyages* suggests the thrill of embarking upon an unfinished journey.

God's chief justifier

John Marenbon

AUGUSTINE
By John M. Rist
Cambridge University Press, £40

AUGUSTINE is the least fashionable of great thinkers. Although he shaped both Catholic and Protestant theology, and influenced philosophers as different as Anselm, Pascal, Descartes and Wittgenstein, his view that humanity is desperately weak and thoroughly sinful embarrasses even Christians today.

Yet, as John Rist points out towards the end of his masterly study, Augustine's pessimism about the human condition should make him a timely thinker for us now. Liberals of the 18th or 19th centuries, dreaming of the social and moral improvement of mankind, might think we had outgrown Augustine. But his account of "the disastrous and terrifying results which come about when men, singly or in groups, are able to grasp at absolute freedom of choice" has an inescapable relevance to our own century, with its gulags and concentration camps.

There are, however, many obstacles which hinder Augustine from being understood and appreciated by modern readers. He usually wrote rhetorically in the heat of controversy, not analytically or systematically. And, of course, his very success as the most authoritative Christian thinker for 1,300 years meant that his works were distorted and simplified — and also used to justify the persecution of presumed heretics and non-believers.

Yet the real Augustine was no dogmatist. Rist places him firmly in the tradition of classical philosophy and uncovers the intellectual unease which made him a deep and original thinker. In ethics, politics and epistemology, Augustine asked the same questions as his pagan predecessors and used many of their concepts and arguments to reach radically new conclusions.

LIKE Plato, he asked what was the distinction between knowing and believing, but he gave belief (of many kinds, not just religious) a novel importance. Or, in his moral theory, Augustine gave a fresh twist to the ancient "ethics of inspiration" by extending it to God: "Love, who are always ablaze . . . enkindle me. Give what you command and command what you will."

"For all his foresight," Rist remarks, "Augustine could not conceive of a Christian thinker being more or less *comfortable* in Christendom."

As a Christian, Augustine's attitude to pagan philosophy changed and sharpened during the long course of his writing career. Rist shows that this was not (as often supposed) a matter of acceptance followed by rejection, but of a deepening, though more critical understanding.

Rist's own understanding of Augustine is critical too at times — most strikingly on the central questions of Christian thought: God's omnipotence, justice and the existence of evil. Rist shows that Augustine does provide answers. How is the evil in and following from the Fall compatible with God's omnipotence and benevolence? Augustine would argue that ultimately God has brought about more good through the Fall than if Adam had never sinned. Augustine's theory that, as well as being individuals, we share a *common existence in Adam*, allows him to explain how, even as babies, we inherit sin and can justly be damned.

BUT, according to Rist, Augustine cannot explain why, if through the unmerited gift of grace God saves some, he leaves others to be damned, and why the saved are with very few exceptions to be found only among baptised Christians. Divine omnipotence is left indistinguishable from arbitrariness, and Augustine's account of salvation is "ultimately incoherent".

Rist attempts to defuse some of the implications of this and other criticisms in a final chapter, where he imagines what ideas Augustine might propose if he were brought to life again today. *Augustinus redivivus* would retain his old view of scripture, he would now stress the intimacy of the link between soul and body, give a positive role at least educationally to earthly society and allow humans themselves to make the first, vital step towards grace — the recognition of their own weakness. It is an attractive outlook, but maybe Augustine is most important to us when seen as he really was, lost yet recovered for our historical understanding, more completely perhaps by this new book than ever before.



Augustine's cosmos: contemporary mosaic in the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, Ravenna, c. 425. From *The Clash of Gods* by Thomas F. Mathews (Princeton, £35)

Maverick mogul of the B-movies

Sean French

FRAGMENTS
Portraits from the Inside
By Andre de Toth
Faber, £20

One of the great pleasures of movie-going is watching the best of the old Hollywood B-pictures. These were designed to be shown on the bottom half of double bills and made so quickly and cheaply in stock genres — westerns, thrillers, war films — that there was no reason for them to be any good. Yet in the hands of mavericks like Samuel Fuller, Don Siegel, Jacques Tourneur, Budd Boetticher and Andre de Toth, they could be not just highly accomplished, but personal in a way that would not have been tolerated in a big-budget film where the studio was paying attention.

To coincide with the publication of his autobiography, this year's Edinburgh Film Festival included a brief retrospective of De Toth's work. The film critic of this newspaper was not alone in observing that taut thrillers like *Pitfall* (1948) and *Crime Wave* (1954) showed up the inadequacy of many of the new films on offer.

Born in Hungary in 1913, De Toth was one of the less prominent émigrés to Britain and the United States in the 1930s. He worked with the Korda brothers, who were dominant figures in the British film industry, providing assistance on the *Elephant Boy* (1937) and *The Jungle Book* (1942) and he is amusing on the many absurdities of these projects. The first candidate for Bagheera was a mangy, toothless second-hand panther from a circus which died before it could be filmed. De Toth never had good luck with animals. A parrot he later bought for his children turned out to have an entirely obscene vocabulary.

De Toth moved to Hollywood where he had a moderately successful career, working with Gary Cooper and making the most enjoyable of all 3-D movies, *House of Wax* — something of an achievement for a man with only one eye. He married Veronica Lake at the point when her career was entering a decline which their cinematic collaborations only hastened. A skiing accident virtually halted his directorial career, but he returned to Britain in the 1960s where he worked for the James Bond producers, Cubby Broccoli and Harry Saltzman, as a producer of *Billion Dollar Brain* and director of *Play Dirty*, both starring the young Michael Caine.

There are vivid anecdotes dotted around this book. He recalls a remarkable story conference with the *Gone With the Wind* producer, David O. Selznick, and the two greatest of all Hollywood screenwriters, Ben Hecht and Herman Mankiewicz, in which Hecht warned the young émigré to flee Selznick's malign influence; and an appalling scene between Ken Russell and Harry Saltzman in a Helsinki restaurant.

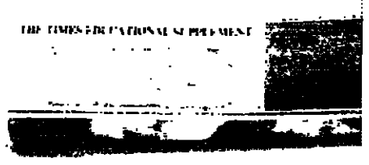
But, though De Toth is a vigorous, often witty writer, this book can only be recommended with great caution. The narrative is rambling and tortuous, living up to its title all too faithfully; and it would be virtually incomprehensible to any reader without film reference books at hand and a reasonable knowledge of film history. The publishers seem uneasily aware of this and footnotes are provided for the more obvious obscurities; but this is no substitute for proper editing. At half the length, clarified, with a filmography and an index, this book would have done better service to a neglected director.

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Bruce Anderson relishes an enthralling account of the extraordinary life of Pamela Harriman

Mistress of all she surveys

The life of Pamela Harriman, President Clinton's present Ambassador to France, is one of the most extraordinary tales of the 20th century. If this were a novel the contents would have had to be watered down; the real story is far too implausible for fiction.

She was born Pamela Digby, the daughter of a once-great aristocratic family which had long since vegetated. If she had followed a conventional course, she might have ended up as the discontented wife of a dull squire in a damp house in a rainy shire.

But that was not for her. She wanted bright lights, *bella figura*, fame: and from girlhood seems to have realised that she had a formidable asset to employ in pursuit of those goals: her body.

Then, just after the outbreak of war, came her marriage to Randoph Churchill. Over the next few decades, the Churchill name and connection was of inestimable advantage to Pamela, especially as her parents-in-law felt so guilty about the way Randolph had treated her that they were prepared to forgive her almost anything.

In an accidental and involuntary fashion, Randolph also taught his young wife about the importance of money, for his gambling losses several times brought their household to the edge of penury.

From then on, she sought a rich protector, and was rarely without one. Early in the war, an acquaintance of Pamela's bumped into her father, Lord Digby. He asked after Pam, while trying to keep the irony out of his voice. But her proud and innocent father suspected nothing: "Pam's a splendid gel," he said. "And she's turned out to be such a good manager. I only give her a small allowance and the War Office certainly don't pay her much; but do you know, she's got a flat in Berkeley Square."

Christopher Ogden has written an enthralling narrative, even though he clearly did not warm to his biographee. This is hardly surprising. Having initially encouraged the project — goodness know why — she then turned against the idea and let loose a battery of lawyers in an attempt to suppress the book. She emerges from these pages as ruthless and vindictive, ready to bully her way to her objectives. Ogden has amassed more than enough evidence to convict her of monstrous egotism.

LIFE OF THE PARTY
The Biography of Pamela Digby Churchill Hayward Harriman
By Christopher Ogden
Little, Brown, £20

But there is a positive side. During the war, she had a number of important special relationships: with Averell Harriman, Jock Whitney and a couple of senior airmen. These were more than useful in consolidating the Anglo-American alliance: Pamela's bedroom was the conduit for a great deal of co-operation at the highest level.

In the early years of the war, President Roosevelt dispatched a number of emissaries to London. Some of them arrived in a sceptical spirit, sharing the widespread American view that the United States should concentrate its efforts on the Pacific theatre, given that the British seemed reluctant to consider an early invasion of the continent of Europe. Pamela's blandishments helped several of them to overcome such doubts. Thanks to her they enjoyed their time in London — from which it was an easy step to conclude that the morale and fighting spirit of the British was in good order.

Her emergence as a politician during the past decade was no less remarkable. By raising money for the Democrats and using her influence as one of the most successful of Washington hostesses, she placed Bill Clinton in her debt. The Paris Embassy was her reward. Clinton was her candidate, *a man of few moral qualities* but overweening ambition. In him, she recognised a soulmate.

Charm and sexual allure are evanescent qualities, hard to capture in print. Mrs Harriman certainly possessed both, even though the charm may not have been wholly sincere, and one suspects that her interest in sex may not have been wholly erotic. But Ogden is better at documenting her affairs than at evoking her attractions.

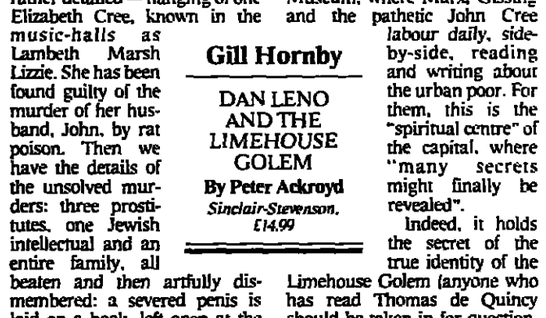
She has had a fortunate life, and even her insatiable craving for limelight must be assuaged by now. Her drama owes nothing to the morality play tradition: this is a production in which evil too often triumphs.

Mrs Harriman is also fortunate in the timing of this biography. Had Ogden's book come out before her confirmation hearings, it is unlikely that the Senate of the United States would have allowed her to become Ambassador to Paris. As it is, Pamela Harriman's luck held, and will probably do so until the end.

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Her first husband: Pamela Digby and Randolph Churchill are married at St John's, Smith Square, in October 1939. It did not last, but his name helped her career



Ackroyd: his camp and sinister tale has a pleasing final twist

Gore? Blimey, here's tubs of it

Gill Hornby

DAN LENO AND THE LIMEHOUSE GOLEM
By Peter Ackroyd
Sinclair-Stevenson, £14.99

In London in 1880, Dan Leno's reputation was at its height. This spiritual heir of Grimaldi, professional ancestor of Chaplin, was then known as "The Funniest Man On Earth". Six nights a week, the public would pack the music-halls of the East End to watch its favourite "Contortionist and Posturer" perform before glittering sets of London streets.

Peter Ackroyd has taken these real scenes to form the backdrop of his novel. Over a two-week period, a series of Ripper-style murders captures the public imagination. While Leno has them splitting their sides in the halls, there is another artiste at work in the streets of Limehouse, slitting their throats.

Ackroyd opens with the — rather detailed — hanging of one Elizabeth Cree, known in the music-halls as Lambeth Marsh Lizzie. She has been found guilty of the murder of her husband, John, by rat poison. Then we have the details of the unsolved murders: three prostitutes, one Jewish intellectual and an entire family, all beaten and then artfully dismembered: a severed penis is laid on a book, left open at the definition of "Golem".

"Golem" is a medieval Jewish term meaning "thing without form" — an artificial being. While the murders go unsolved, the popular fear takes hold that the murderer is, in fact, a spirit, and the "Limehouse Golem" becomes the popular suspect. It is in good company: also helping the police with their inquiries are Karl Marx, George Gissing and, of course, Dan Leno.

Ackroyd makes the murders the mirror of the music hall. The theatres which showed gory horrors were known as Blood Tubs; the favourite plot line was the punishment of forward females. The first three victims of the golem are prostitutes; a sightseer joins the gawping crowd outside the house of the slain family and asks: "Was there much blood?" "Tubs of it," comes the reply. The key to the crimes, like the key to good panto, is cross-dressing. As the detective on the case says, "Everything is very messy and very theatrical... It's like being in some penny gaff or theatre of variety". Both he and Dan Leno are given a vital clue on stage, but they can't see the life for the art.

Although, in a pleasing final twist, we are given the true identity, the murderer is never caught. The crimes simply stop, thus confirming for some that they were the work of spirit rather than human all along. But they also symbolise London at that point in its history: "... as if the new conditions of the metropolis required some vivid identification, some flagrant confirmation of its status as the largest and darkest city of the world".

There are two Londons in *Dan Leno and the Limehouse Golem*. The first is that of the music-halls and the urban poor; the other is the Reading Room of the British Museum, where Marx, Gissing and the pathetic John Cree labour daily, side-by-side, reading and writing about the urban poor. For them, this is the "spiritual centre" of the capital, where "many secrets might finally be revealed".

Indeed, it holds the secret of the true identity of the Limehouse Golem (anyone who has read Thomas de Quincy should be taken in for questioning). But then Marx comes in, dismissing murder as a "bourgeois preoccupation" and grumbling about the fog. This is the weakest point of the novel.

As you would expect from the biographer of Dickens, Ackroyd is at home with, even in love with, this period of London history, with its pea-soupers and manufactories, its tenements and chop-houses: the "infinite" city and the collision of lives within it. He has become a London historian of some distinction, but perhaps a little too much enthusiasm. He can be diverted into describing, in minute detail, the route of a character through the Limehouse streets, like an eager cabbie who passed the Knowledge in 1879.

Gissing is shown pondering whether to write on a music-hall theme, then rejecting the subject as "too light and frivolous for a serious artist". Ackroyd's version is camp and sinister: a world of poverty and perversion, awash with tubs of blood.

Poetry special: the things of this world sing out in a great oratorio

Robert Nye

COLLECTED POEMS
By Norman Nicholson
Faber, £25

COLLECTED POEMS
By Francis Berry
Redcliffe Press, £25

When Norman Nicholson *died seven years ago, his Times* obituary called him "the most gifted English Christian provincial poet of his century". This encomium is picked up, and quarrelled with, by the editor of his *Collected Poems*, Neil Curry, in the course of an introduction discussing the nature of Nicholson's "parochialism" and its paradoxical universality. Yet this volume — which includes many previously uncollected poems as well as his five major volumes — proves the obituarist right.

Nicholson was born and lived all his life in the small town of Millom on the west coast of Cumbria, a place he once described as "a curiously isolated spot, blocked off from the rest of England on three sides by the sea and on the fourth by mountains". His poems are about a world of rock and stone, becks, walls, dunes, Scafell Pike, shadows and clouds over combes. Nicholson picks over his patch with the assurance and assiduity of a modern Wordsworth. That comparison is inevitable. But it is where the two men part company that Nicholson begins to be arresting.

"On the Dismantling of Millom Ironworks", begins as a quarrel with his predecessor for averting his gaze from *the charcoal-burning furnace/ Sited like a badger's set deep in Duddon woods* — in other words, for rejecting in the name of Nature the poetic possibilities of the Industrial Revolution.

The poem moves on to celebrate the ugly but rich reality of this ironworks before finally coming to the conclusion that now the ironworks have been dismantled *maybe the ghost of Wordsworth, seeing further than I can,/ Will stare from Duddon Bridge, along miles of sand and mud-flats/ To a peninsula bare as it used to be, and, beyond, to a river/ Flowing, untainted now, to a bleak, depopulated shore.*

The language is flat and unambiguous, but the poem seems inspired by a nice uncertainty truthfully expressed. Is that "bleak, depopulated shore" really to be preferred to the human reality and peculiar *beauty* which Nicholson found in the ironworks? Is he being ironic when he says that Wordsworth's *ghost might see further* than he can? Or acknowledging *that there could be a false romanticism* in his own nostalgia? The poem troubles its reader with such questions, and is the stronger for not offering answers.

Early Nicholson was not as good as this, either in form or content, the strict iambics tending to come with metronomic regularity and his details sometimes having the effect of a rhymed guidebook. But he got more interesting the longer he went on, and there are not many poets (modern or otherwise) of whom one can say that.

If Nicholson has been neglected because his life's work concerned itself with unfashionable matter seriously treated, then what are we to say of Francis Berry? This poet, 80 next year, has been described by Philip Hobsbaum as "a master of the long poem", and long poems have been out of favour at least since Edgar Allen Poe declared them to be a contradiction in terms. Berry does not even write fractured epics, but for long narrative poems, usually with a historical setting. His *Collected Poems* (available from 49 Park Street, Bristol) has *work from nine volumes published* since the early 1930s.

Poe's objection to the long poem was basically that vision involves excitement, and that it is false to pretend that excitement can be sustained for pages on end. Both Chaucer and Browning might be cited against him, and though Francis Berry is certainly not a poet of their stature, he has in common with those predecessors a rich vein of humanity which makes him interested in voices and in stories, and in verse as a means of storytelling through the use of different voices.

Introducing this volume, Hobsbaum calls it "an *oeuvre* unsurpassed in the later 20th century". Those who suppose that the art of dramatic and narrative verse has no living exponents cannot have taken Berry into account.

Ruth Padel

THE ANNALS OF CHILE
By Paul Muldoon
Faber, £7.99 pbk original



Muldoon: allusive, not elitist

Paul Muldoon is a byword for the great postmodern game. For technical cunning, always allusive, never elitist. For putting the perfect space round what you want to say, or saying it with tangents. In the new book's title-image, O'Higgins deletes "widdershins" from Chile's "annals". O'Higgins? Did he exist? Did Muldoon invent him? The point is the extraordinariness of the reference-process. Never mind O'Higgins: the wonder is words and names themselves. That they can point outside us, but also invent, and represent what never was. (Muldoon centred one collection, *Quoof*, round his family-word for a hot-water-bottle. Or did he also invent that?)

But Muldoon is heartbreak too. His voice, like his city, Belfast, assumes tragedy. There is seriousness within the quartz-crackle wordplay. He was 16 when Seamus Heaney took his poems in trembling hands to Michael Longley, saying: "This is *it*." (So myth says.) To coincide with the latest volume, his first collection has also been reissued (*New Weather*, Faber, £6.99).

After four books from Belfast, there have been three from America, where he now teaches. This new one is the warmest yet, tackling heartbreak head-on through the personal, re-seeing childhood as a parent. Some wonderful birth-poems: one on the discovery of sexuality during a maternal hair-wash ("I stood there in my string vest and shorts..."); and a disturbing poem on the parental grave:

my mother's skeleton
has managed to worm
its way back on top of the old man's
and she once again has him under
her thumb.

Muldoon has the core lyric gift of making the domestic universal. At one level, it doesn't matter *what* these poems are about, they all radiate out in the end. At another, what they are about is crucial. A life, or a poem, is lived in as well as through its particulars.

The last three-quarters is "Yarrow", a single poem on a Sixties childhood:

Little by little it dawned on us that the row
of kale would shortly be overwhelmed by these pink
and cream blooms...

Yarrow (says the dictionary) is "a highly astringent perennial with clusters of small flowers, whose leaf divides into a number of small segments". The perfect image for childhood; and for poetry with its roots in everything, which takes everything over via small segments, but also covers up. (Blossom stops you seeing what's beneath.) As the father's skeleton is topped by the mother's, these frothy tendrils may obliterate the "woodgrain in the oak", the poem's image for fatherhood, and poetry as fatherhood.

This is a Robert Frost. Heaney-friendly image (important Muldoon forefathers): poetry as the tool balanced in the hand, the grain of experience and feeling glowing in its heft as it cuts and makes. A very male image. "Yarrow" is male virtuoso stuff, an intimate, *Boy's Own* metaphor for things you hold in your hand. Also formother, that astringent attractive perennial who'll take over if you let her. And for the flowers of poetry which may obscure your message.

The centre-piece is an elegy for an Irish painter who opted for herbs, covering up cancer with "infusions of hardock, hemlock, all the idle weeds". Her vision holds the book together:

Again and again you'd hold forth
on your own version of Thomism,
your own Summa
Theologia *that in everything there*
is an order,
that the things of this world sing
out in a great oratorio.

It offers up the poet's own persona to the artist's vision:

you detected in me a tendency to put
on too much artificiality, both as
man and poet,
which is why you called me "Polyester" or "polyurethane"...

And it mourns the dream of order and healing breathed from a country heading into Troubles.

Totally personal, yet impersonally dedicated to poetry and language, this book lays bare by exploring the nature of cover-up. It is humbling and absorbing to watch an original intelligence, perfectly tuned to its time, swing into full maturity.

Rachel Campbell-Johnston

SELECTED POEMS
By Carol Ann Duffy
Penguin, £5.99 pbk original

Carol Ann Duffy has one of the freshest and most idiosyncratic voices speaking in British poetry today. Her work tackles such contemporary issues as racism, delinquency, child-abuse, and Aids. The tough raw language of a street-wise patois marks out her territories. Her soundtrack is a catalogue of brand-names and pop-musicians, song-lyrics and film-stars.

Yet the essence of her poetry lies deeper than mere observation of a world which dates as quickly as the slang used to describe it. Duffy seeks to incorporate the rawness of unidealised vision into art. In "Standing Female Nude" she suggests that, although the artist's model will be "represented analytically and hung/ in great museums" for the bourgeousie to coo at, such stereotypical representations are hopelessly abstracted from that reality which, for the model herself, amounts to standing "belly nipple arse in the window light", because being poor she must earn her living any way she can.

It is this inner truth which Duffy is concerned to explore. Though sometimes she lapses dangerously near to caricature, her poems are essentially dramatic monologues, unfolding gradually to reveal the secret feelings of their speakers. Duffy ventures into the threatening and painful imaginations of the rapist, the psychopath and the sexual pervert. She shows us their "secret films... private affairs watched behind the eyes".

Subverting categories of genre and style, Duffy pushes forwards into strange hybrid areas where the domestic mingles with the passionate, the sinister with the humorous, the tender with the dangerous. It is in a nursery-rhyme chant that a vicar speaks of his desire to dress up as a choir-boy. With biblical resonance a juvenile delinquent declares: *I pour the goldfish down the bog. I pull the chain / I see that it is good.* Though "Valentine" begins as lyrically as any love poem, it ends with a threat.

New fruits sing on the flipside of night in a market / of language writes Duffy in "Away and See". It is these word-fruits which she reaches for now. Through her belief that language can be as robust and real as that which it describes, she challenges her readers to see things more vividly, to press forward through new barriers. "Test words / wherever they live: listen and touch, smell, believe. / Spell them with love".

Perhaps it is above all with this sense of love that Duffy greets experience. She opens the door to *the new, the vivid, / horror and pity, passion, the stranger holding the future* and she asks them their name.

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Leading from the front

As buildings become more complex, the long-term bill for facilities management could be more than the cost of the property. Derek Harris on a growing business

"We have a serious image problem — from the illegitimate cowboy to the construction companies involved in the major building contracts," says Colin Harding, the new president of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB). But he is not letting things rest there. He has set himself the task of improving quality in the building industry at both corporate and individual level. "We are all aware that we must do something to improve our image — it means taking a longer-term view and acting on several fronts."

Mr Harding was speaking ahead of a two-day conference, beginning today, which has been organised by the CIOB in association with *The Times*. It is being held at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, and will explore the theme of "building for life".

A chartered scheme to bring companies as well as individual members into the CIOB's quality net has so far attracted 270 members. "The scheme, which has been operating for two years, has gone quite well so far although there is some way to go," Mr Harding says.

With burgeoning facilities management prospects in his sights, he says: "Just as buildings should be constructed to high standards, their subsequent lifespan in terms of maintenance and servicing need to be covered by a similar quality approach."

In the past builders have often been involved in the subsequent life of a building. His own family firm, now 127 years old, has been doing maintenance for customers for more than 100 years.

Facilities management may be a new term to cover activities such as repairs and maintenance, but it does demand people with special skills, Mr Harding says. Craftsmen need to be able to work without supervision and produce a quality result — this is in contrast to the working environment of most major building contracts, all of which are supervised.

Mr Harding says: "As buildings become more complex it is easy to see how the facilities management bill overall is going to be relatively more than the original costs of the building.

"As a matter of course a client will want to know what his headquarters will cost. Soon enough clients will also want to know just as precisely what full life-cycle costs are going to be."

When that happens, Mr Harding expects that the two elements will start to interact. "Some clients have already targeted minimising maintenance when considering the original design and specification for a new building," Mr Harding says.

Like most professional bodies, the CIOB operates primarily to meet the needs of its individual members while also acting as a watchdog looking to the needs of the public. It has 33,000 individuals on its books ranging from fellows and members to associates, graduates and students.

The CIOB is changing an academic structure which has served it for 15 years. A modules programme will give more flexibility and will also offer members options to study facilities management, information technology and project management. The topping up of skills can also extend to building design.

Over the past five years the CIOB has developed the chartered building company scheme. To work under this banner, a company must have half the board or management team as qualified members of the CIOB. Another quarter must have qualifications covering disciplines such as accountancy or marketing.

PHIL YEOMANS



Colin Harding, president of the Chartered Institute of Building

BUILDING FOR LIFE: TOPICS AT THE TWO-DAY CONFERENCE

AMERICAN experience of facilities management, in a country where the sector is at its most advanced, will be explored at a two-day conference starting today at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London. It is being organised by the Chartered Institute of Building in association with *The Times*.

Computer-aided facilities management in the United States and the identification of the most probable areas for savings will be two aspects to be discussed by Dr Bruce Forbes of ARCHIBUS, an architecturally allied group. How facilities management is developing in Europe will then be explored by Dr Frank Duffy (DEGW).

Legal aspects of facilities management will also be investigated while Alan Monk, of Drake & Scull Airport Facilities Management, will explain what running one of the biggest facilities management contracts involves. The company is two years into a £250-million ten-year British Airways contract covering the airline's operations at Heathrow and Gatwick airports.

Quality assurance, client perspectives and the latest developments in the health sector are other issues which will be explored. Recent research on information technology aspects of facilities management will be discussed by Professor Tore Haugen, of the University of Trondheim. Professor Alan Spedding, of the University of West England, will introduce delegates to the CIOB's handbook on facilities management.

Is there a place for the large building companies in FM?

On the crest of a wave

Most of the big construction companies in Britain have chosen to ride the wave of growth that is offered by facilities management. Tarmac, the biggest constructor, has been a notable recruit, joining the likes of Taylor Woodrow and P & O's Bovis.

John Laing early this year made a strategic move into the market by taking a majority share in FMS (Halifax), a Yorkshire-based facilities management consultancy. "It makes sense to be able to provide a range of after-care services once a building is completed," says John Lockwood, chairman of Laing Facility Management.

Wimpey has notably so far made no move to wade substantially into the facilities management (FM) sector but it has been watching developments. It has one recent management contract for university student accommodation, and expects to concentrate on the health and higher education sectors.

Those taking a gradualist approach to becoming involved in FM could even argue that despite the sector's growth — running at 20 per cent a year in value terms — there is undoubted volatility if only because so many newcomers are in the market. Total Facilities Management (Granada), one of the leading FM companies, also points to the latest trend for commercial contracts to plateau while the public sector ones soar.

Nigel Manger, TFM's group business development manager, says that commercial sector contracts account for only 25 per cent of FM contracts against last year's 60 per cent. The public sector — from Whitehall to local authorities and trust hospitals to higher education colleges — accounts for 75 per cent of contracts in comparison to 40 per cent last year.

David Grundy, proposals manager at Taylor Woodrow covering FM operations, believes the commercial sector for the moment has reached a plateau. Taylor Woodrow nailed the FM colours to its mast in 1992, pointing out that the service was based on 30 years of previous experience of property management and maintenance. Its property portfolio, all of it managed by Taylor Woodrow specialists, includes the St. Katharine's Dock complex in London and several business parks including Swindon, Southampton and Warrington.

However, Taylor Woodrow has been most successful in property-oriented markets where it was well recognised, this essentially being the asset management aspect of facilities management. "This has helped us to successes with the Ministry of Defence in work service management and asset management. Certainly the opportunities in the public sector are coming thick and fast," Mr Grundy says.



Global service: Steve Reding

Although government departments are producing many facilities management opportunities, the facilities management providers have been disappointed with one aspect — the market-testing competitive bidding in which private sector FM providers have been ranged against in-house teams. "So far a substantial proportion of the market-testing contracts have gone to in-house teams. I am not sure that the Government is meeting its objective of achieving the greatest efficiency and value for money," Mr Manger says.

The way that the big property builders and maintainers can logically expand into offering a fuller facilities management services can still leave a question mark over whether, and how, to make a total facilities management service a main plank in a company's activities.

Tarmac is the notable example of this sort of commitment. It is part of a Tarmac strategy to beef up its specialist construction consultancy as well as the facilities management side. Steve Reding, the new head of Tarmac Professional Services, has a brief to create a global multi-disciplinary series of consultancies and to double the current fee income over the next three years to about £200 million.

He says: "We now offer a total service to clients including managing and maintaining all their facilities and services, space-planning and removals.

"The argument for getting into facilities management is extremely strong. For constructors, it is an immediately adjacent market. However, it is also much bigger than constructors' traditional service markets such as maintenance." Last year, support services and facilities management has been estimated to be worth £20 billion while property repairs and maintenance added another £23 billion.

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Push back the boundaries

Rodney Hobson on the firms that work on the Continent



Old hands at moving: Tony Ceeney (left), Consolidated Office Services' sales manager, with the company's chairman, Ron Coleman

Consolidated Office Services, formed in 1992 and employing 32 people, has helped British companies to set up on the Continent, claiming it can be faster and cheaper than using local labour.

Ron Coleman, the chairman, says: "Almost all our work in Britain is in the South East, particularly in the City. We are willing to work anywhere in Britain but in some cases it is not viable. We have done so much work on the Continent that I can see us setting up an office there."

One task has been fitting out offices in Luxembourg for Fidelity Investments, the financial services group. Trevor Barden, associate director at Fidelity's property subsidiary, says: "One of the main reasons why using British contractors abroad works so well is that we send them out there to do a specific job. Local contractors, with other projects on the boil, can get distracted."

Tony Ceeney, Consolidated's sales manager, who is fluent in French and German, had managed projects in France, Switzerland and Germany. His own company was one of three — covering between them furniture installation, telephones, data systems, carpet laying and relocations — which merged to form Consolidated.

"There is a bit of glamour attached to working abroad. As well as Luxembourg, we have recently won jobs in Dusseldorf, Munich and Paris for clients based in the UK," he says.

Earlier this year, Consolidated moved the head office of the German subsidiary of Novell, the American computer group, three miles across Dusseldorf. Consolidated picked up the job because it had installed new furniture in Novell's UK headquarters in Bracknell, Berkshire.

Novell planned to move, over one weekend, 160 staff, personal effects, filing cabinets, plants, computers, desks, seating and conference tables. Warehouse racking had to be dismantled and reassembled. The old office had only one lift. It took 30 men working 12-hour shifts to clear the old building and fill up the new one.

Consolidated cites the high cost of labour in Europe, and the Social Charter as being crucial factors. Mr Coleman says: "Local contractors on the site will have to pack up while our gangs will work right through to get the job completed. Instead of taking all week to do the job they can be finished in a couple of days."

He points out that intensive effort is often vital in projects such as relocation or fitting out offices. Clients may want to pack up on Friday night and be up and running in new offices first thing Monday morning.

Consolidated sourced products for the Fidelity job from different suppliers, taking responsibility for the whole operation. Mr Coleman says: "Everything was delivered to our warehouse over two weeks. We checked it, loaded it, transported it and installed it. We even brought the rubbish back in containers. Getting rid of the rubbish can be a critical element of the client's instructions."

Mr Barden says: "Our facilities strategy was to transport to Luxembourg two things: our company approach to office interior design and our customary speed of fit-out. It is vital for us that facilities management keeps several steps ahead of company expansion, which in the case of Luxembourg has been phenomenal."

The use of British teams by companies expanding across the Channel is likely to increase. Mr Coleman says: "It is much easier going across to the Continent now. It used to be a nightmare getting through Customs. They wanted to see every item. Now it is like going to Cornwall."

Triple hurdle in contracting out

The Government's contracting out programme has hit a three-pronged barrier: uncertainty over the Transfer of Undertakings Regulations (Tupe), the reluctance of some local authorities to scale down their direct labour departments, and the amount of paperwork that applicants must plough through, writes Rodney Hobson.

Tupe, which protects the rights of the workforce where an undertaking is transferred, is governed by the European Commission's Acquired Rights Directive. Malcolm Howard, associate partner at Andersen Consulting, says: "Brussels is trying to relax the rules a little so that they are more adaptable to various business circumstances."

A revised directive is being held up, apparently in a wrangle between Germany and the EC.

Facilities managers are now working on the basis that Tupe applies unless there is clear evidence to the contrary. That does, however, mean that an outside contractor has greater difficulty in demonstrating cost savings to those councils that tend to favour their own workforces.

Mid Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry surveyed 1,000 companies of varying sizes and sectors. It found general suspicion on whether tenders for local authority contracts were genuinely open or competitive. Elsewhere, the contract catering panel of the British Hospitality Association has called on the Department of Health to simplify and standardise tender documents that can run to more than 2,000 pages.

It says the size and complexity of the documents accounts for the low number of bids. Jim Cartwright, the panel chairman, says: "The pre-tender document alone is so time-consuming to complete that an application is often not worthwhile. One specification was more than 2,000 pages long, yet another was just 12 pages."

Dangers go on for business

Despite an IRA ceasefire, it is essential to plan for unexpected catastrophe

The conclusion of the IRA bombing campaign does not mark an end to the need for tight security in buildings. As animal rights activists have demonstrated, the political bomb is not the prerogative of the Irish.

The continuing need for vigilance was felt in the Isle of Wight last month when animal rights activists firebombed several shops. Stewart Kidd, director of the Fire Protection Association, a body supported by the major insurance companies, says: "The time has come for shop owners to face the fact that it is no longer enough to comply with the minimum standards of fire safety. At the very least all shops of any size should be fitted with automatic fire detection connected to the fire service, and larger stores must be fitted with sprinkler systems."

> Financial services can be back in an hour

Not only shops, but all businesses can be hit by terrorists. Bernard Uzzell, marketing director at Syntegra, a subsidiary of British Telecom, says: "Disaster recovery is one of the most significant management issues confronting today's trading operations managers. The trading room is the hub of every major financial institution's business."

While bombs are the high-profile risk to any business, other risks, often routine, can disrupt business. They include incidents such as flooding, a gas leak, a power failure, a faulty sprinkler system or failed air conditioning, and those specifically affecting one particular business, such as a computer failure or a software virus. While some difficulties can be overcome through planning and training or by improving backup facilities, more fundamental dangers require contingency planning.

Syntegra has built a £15 million disaster recovery centre with 500 trading positions in Docklands. It claims that any financial services company could be fully back in business well within an hour of disaster striking.

The centre will be managed by Tarmac, the construction group. It will be able to operate independently for ten days even if Docklands power supplies and other services are disrupted.

Mr Uzzell has this advice for companies at risk: "The first step is to develop a disaster recovery plan. This needs to be supported at the highest levels within the organisation and must be highly detailed. The plan should cover every potential risk and the contingency actions required by each individual to return the business to normal. Plans should be tested at regular intervals and updated in the light of new threats and changing business needs."

He says that the spirit to rally round in the face of disaster can only achieve so much, and that the aftermath of the Bishopsgate bomb demonstrated that it was a lack of attention to detail in contingency planning that held up recovery.

Enforcing security in a building does, however, present difficulties. Croydon council, for example, has a main tower block office and four other separate buildings. It has 10,500 full-time staff who must be allowed access to cope with 800 visitors a day to the municipal buildings.

Croydon has used guards, infra-red alarms and closed circuit television, but as numbers of buildings, entrances, staff and visitors grew it asked Cardkey, an access control specialist, to install an electronic card access system.

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Who's who at the very top

Derek Harris reports on the companies which have achieved strong results in facilities management

Rapidity of change, a hallmark of a fast-growing sector such as facilities management (FM), is driving the takeover of one of Britain's leading FM companies. In addition, some industry sectors — notably the oil companies — are showing signs of a substantial switch into outsourcing, a demonstration that not all the new and exciting markets are in the public sector.

Today, an extraordinary general meeting of Procord shareholders, one of the top FM businesses, is expected to set the seal on a takeover by Johnson Controls of America, a global provider of FM services whose key markets until now have been North America and Asia. Procord, which has an annual turnover of £80 million, was a management buyout three years ago from IBM, the computer manufacturer.

With Johnson's financial muscle behind it, Procord is expected to gear up its drive for expansion not only in Britain but also on the Continent. John Jack, managing director of Procord, says: "We will be able to invest in new capabilities and services."

Drake & Scull, with its engineering background, has the £250-million ten-year contract to manage and maintain all British Airways' buildings, specialist equipment and associated support services at Heathrow and Gatwick. Recently the company, the United Kingdom arm of America's JWP, the world's largest technical services group, has been extending its technical services role.

Its most recent contracts have been with Raychem, for engineering services and maintenance on five sites, and the design and installation of a security management system at the English end of the Channel Tunnel. Now Amoco Exploration has contracted out to Drake & Scull almost all of the facilities and non-core service elements of its business. Among the services being provided is a 24-hour disaster recovery support system which would cope with the practical problems if, for instance, there was a major incident on an oil exploration rig.

The focus of the contract, worth about £10 million over five years, is Amoco Exploration's headquarters at Hangar Lane, London. Drake & Scull has also taken on the non-contractual commitment of being represented on Amoco's



energy management programme and environmental committee. Graham Tracey, director and general manager of Drake & Scull Technical Services, says: "To meet Amoco's requirements effectively, and to assist in the management of cost-cutting and control, we must be integrated with Amoco's policies and culture."

The Amoco move into outsourcing underlines how contracting out by oil companies seems likely to expand. BP Exploration, for example, has just agreed a five-year extension to Andersen Consulting's initial three-year contract.

Bill Lattimer, divisional head of outsourcing at Andersen Consulting, says: "Other oil companies seemed startled when BP Exploration decided to outsource its accounting activities, but attitudes seem to be changing." Andersen is in "advanced" talks with several oil companies on similar outsourcing moves.

The BET group's FM subsidiary says it has brought in an energy and utilities management service which determines all aspects of the cost of energy procurement and supply. BET FM claims that savings of up to 4 per cent a year are possible using the system, even where there has been an energy management system in place.

The healthy state of FM has been underlined by the six-month interim figures from Serco, the international task management contractor to government and industry. Turnover in the half year to the end of June was £120 million, up 46 per cent.

Serco's contracts range from providing air traffic control at Gibraltar airport to maintaining two-thirds of London's traffic lights. It maintains Yorkshire Water's vehicles fleet.

Total Facilities Management (Granada), part of the Granada group, has this month seen the commissioning after refurbishment of the headquarters of the British Standards Institution in Chiswick, west London. TFM has a three-year contract to manage the facilities of the building, which will be the centre for BSI Standards. TFM has carried out a number of refurbishment programmes before staff relocation, all of them demanding contracts because of the need to ensure smooth transitions. One involved the relocation of more than 2,000 civil servants from London to Leeds.

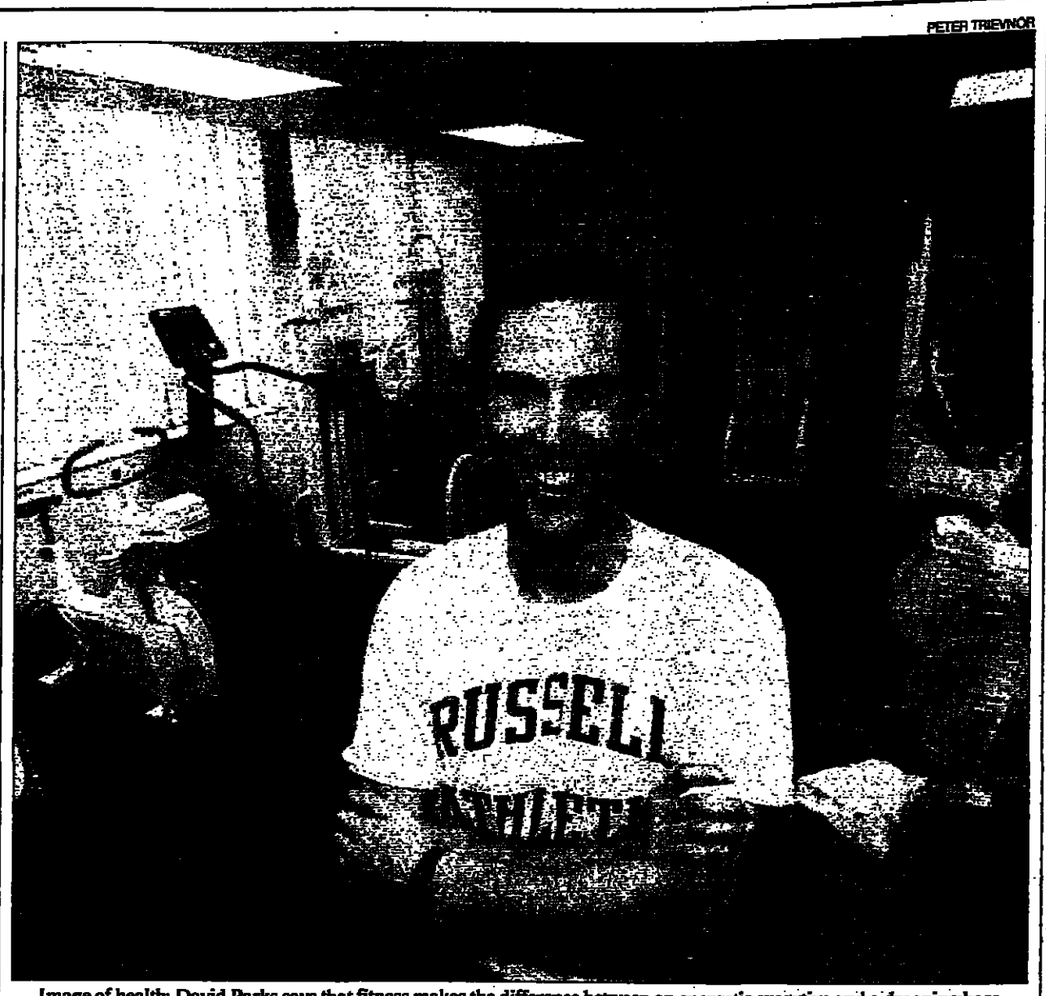


Image of health: David Parks says that fitness makes the difference between an energetic executive and a drooping boss

Fit and on top of the job

Fitness clubs can improve company health, says **Derek Harris**

Executive health and fitness, which is increasingly a concern among British businesses, has brought a boom in specialist clubs and a facilities management bonus to the London-based Fitness For Industry (FFI).

FFI, in which the Forte hotels and leisure group has a 51 per cent majority stake, manages 80 health and fitness clubs installed by companies and hotels around Britain. There are 30 corporate clubs on company premises, with the rest situated in Forte hotels nationwide, as the chain extends the range of its "spa" clubs.

Corporate clients of FFI include American Express, the charge card and leisure company, Texaco, Coca-Cola and Sainsbury's.

David Parks, FFI's marketing director, says: "The health and fitness clubs are becoming so popular that it is estimated that they now account for 22 per cent of all club memberships of any kind in the United Kingdom."

Regular use of a fitness club makes the difference between a fresh, energetic executive ready to tackle an afternoon's business with zest and somebody who is drooping, says Mr Parks. He points to a Nasa exercise control programme in the United States that showed the effeciency of some office workers dropped by 50 per cent in the last two hours of their workday. Others who exercised regularly maintained efficiency levels all day. Exercising brought a 12.5 per cent increase in productivity overall.

Du Pont, the American chemicals and man-made fibre company, found that over a six-year period a corporate fitness programme cut absenteeism by 47 per cent.

FFI, which is based in Hammersmith, has expanded to 300 staff and recently was awarded the Investors in People standard by CENTEC (the Central London Training and Enterprise Council). It was the first company of its kind to secure the national standard.

Mr Parks says that health and fitness centres offer additional benefits because they are a neutral area away from the office where employees of all levels can relax, socialise and break down barriers through their common interest in fitness. He says: "A filing clerk and a managing director might be pounding away on a treadmill at the same time happily chatting about business."

Get the message across

Signs for disabled people need to be in the right places

Property owners can help to point the way for the disabled workforce, after the political controversies over the Civil Rights (Disabled) Bill, which was killed off with the assistance of the Minister for the Disabled, and the axeing of government support for workshops by Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary.

One area of discrimination against people in wheelchairs that is easily remedied is signposting in offices and industrial premises. Anthony Townson, managing director of Stewart Signs, based at Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, says: "Not thinking about where you put signs is a form of discrimination. Companies must consider the height at which workers who use wheelchairs can read signs when putting them up on, say, car-park lifts and around offices."

According to the British Council of Disabled People, there are more than 6.5 million wheelchair users in the UK and the number in employment is increasing. At the same time the difficulty in coping with signs is, in some cases, getting worse.

Signs that appear in a company's corporate colours or lettering style often cannot be read easily. The introduction of fancy scripts in new typefaces also make signs difficult to read from a seated position. Illegible signs are dangerous if, for instance, fire exit signs are erected too high for wheelchair users to read.

Stewart Signs carries out 250 sign surveys each year for British businesses. Clients include BT, the Post Office, Esso, English Heritage, Kent Police and Geest. Tim Neasom, sales manager, says: "On some occasions it may be necessary to duplicate signs, but in many cases they can be placed where both able-bodied and disabled people can see them."

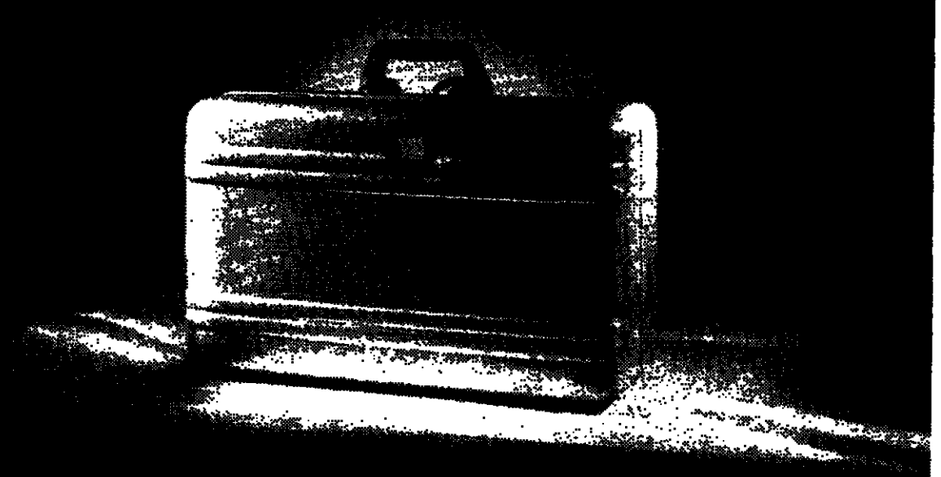
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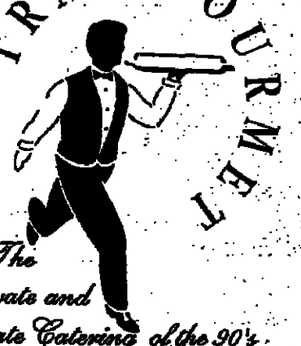
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Leading players express concern for European golf

Tour accused of losing course

By John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent

THE PGA European Tour, which has known many successful times since its inception in 1975, is going through a bad patch. Last week a fierce attack was launched on it by Severiano Ballesteros, its most charismatic member. Its financial resources, stretched by investments in golf courses that have yet to come to fruition, have been further drained to underwrite tournaments that do not have sponsors.

Now, as the season draws to a close and the Dunhill British Masters, the last strokeplay event of the year in Britain, starts at Woburn today, it finds that Nick Faldo, its most successful member, is contemplating playing more in the United States early next season because he is dissatisfied with the state of golf courses in Europe in the early months of the year and admits to concern about the future of the Tour.

For years the PGA European Tour was a phenomenon. Under the aggressive leadership of Ken Schofield and George O'Grady, the Tour improved by leaps and bounds. In 19 years the prize-money has grown from £500,000 to more than £25 million and the number of tournaments from 17 to 39.

The first signs that it could not remain immune to economic conditions came during the Gulf War, when the sponsors of several continental events withdrew. The recession followed, which hit golf, and may have contributed to the Tour's headlong dive into the arms of Sky Sports, a decision on which the jury is still out. The most recent sign of the difficulties the Tour is facing came last week when the European Open was staged at East Sussex without a sponsor.

It was at East Sussex that Ballesteros launched his attack, linking the Tour to the International Management Group (IMG), which excluded him for next month's World Match Play Championship. Ballesteros suggested there was far too close a relationship between the organisations.

The European Tour began to develop golf courses of its own a few years ago. The venture was not a success. The Tour is now associated with IMG and a joint course-building company has several projects under way. Faldo, who has been trying to develop courses of his own, stressed that he was not criticising the Tour for its failure in this regard.

He did feel, however, that there had been insufficient progress in the improvement in the condition of courses. He said the state of the greens varied too much from tournament to tournament and he thought that the Tour should consider playing two or three events in the Middle East.

As that is unlikely to happen, Faldo is heading west. By the end of this month he has to decide whether to commit himself to play 15 events in the US next year and regain the card he last held in the late Eighties. The signs are that he will, although he has no intention of setting up a base over there. "I am going back for exactly the same reasons I did in 1981 — their golf courses, the practice facilities, the sunshine on my back," Faldo said.

There was pelting rain at Woburn yesterday and play in the pro-am ended in mid-morning, adding to the gloom shrouding an organisation with problems such as it has not known before.

"The business approach does need addressing," Faldo said. "When you have a great event like the European Open and you have not got a sponsor, that is a bit of a worry."

It is time for Schofield and O'Grady to play a few of their aces — if they have them.

TWO Englishmen, Warren Bennett, who won the Lytham Trophy, and Lee James, the Amateur champion, plus Stephen Gallacher and Gordon Sherry, of Scotland, will represent Great Britain and Ireland in the Eisenhower Trophy in Paris next month. Padraig Harrington is first reserve.



Faldo seems certain to decide to play more in the United States next year

Dispirited British four eased out of world final

From Mike Rosewell in Indianapolis

BRITISH spirits took a severe downturn at the world rowing championships here yesterday when the London lightweight four, world record-holders and a leading medal prospect, failed to reach their final. The crew had to finish in the top two, which seemed assured when the British held a third of a length over France and Canada at 1,500 metres with the expected fast finish of the Londoners still to come. The expected did not materialise.

France came through and the Canadian final push was not answered by the lower-rating British, who were squeezed to third place. Nick Strange, the No 3 man, said: "We went for it but the legs ran out. We were on a roll for six weeks up to Lucerne but seemed to have lost it since."

They still have the Olympics as their goal. "This is the closing of just one chapter," Ben Helm, the stroke, said. "We will come through. A kick in the teeth might help us." Miriam Batten and Jo Turvey, the British women's pair, perhaps benefited from "a kick in the teeth" in the 1993 world championships when they missed a medal by one place.

They dominated their repechage yesterday, booked a final place and are again of medal speed. Their main rivals for gold on Saturday are the French world champions, Gosse and Courtin, never yet beaten by the British.

The young British eight looked a workmanlike combination in their heat on Tuesday evening. Richard Hamilton, a junior world gold medal-winner in 1991, has replaced Roger Taylor from this year's Cambridge crew and everyone, bar the stroke James Cracknell, is rowing in a different position.

They hung grimly to third place behind the Dutch and Romanians. A place in the final is not beyond the British, assuming repechage success.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Poor refereeing mars victory for Parke

TWO former world junior squash champions returning to something like their best senior form might have hoped for more from the international ranking system than the first-round encounter that Simon Parke, of Yorkshire, won 17-15, 15-10, 14-15, 15-13 in 100 minutes from Del Harris in the Ballantines world open championship in Barcelona yesterday (Colin McQuillan writes).

They might further have expected a level of refereeing more appropriate to the occasion after at least two controversial decisions threatened to harm a fine match. At one point Harris, the Essex player, deliberately served into the ceiling after Meinoud Kriescher, the Dutch referee, refused Parke a point that both players knew was rightly his. "This was probably a vital step on the return road for both of us," Parke said. "It was a shame that in the end we had to take control of the match ourselves."

Late chance for Dixon

EQUESTRIANISM: Karen Dixon has been given a chance to retain her position at the head of the world three-day event rankings with a late entry to the Blenheim Audi International Horse Trials, which begin today at Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire (Jenny MacArthur writes). The three-star event is also hosting the European Young Riders' Championships.

Dixon, who won a team gold and individual bronze medal at the world championships in July, asked two weeks ago if she could ride Hot Property at Blenheim. Late withdrawals last weekend made the British rider's participation possible. Andrew Nicholson, of New Zealand, and Bruce Davidson, of the United States, are also competing but Mark Todd, of New Zealand, is a notable absentee.

Quinnell fails test

RUGBY UNION: Scott Quinnell has been ruled out of the Wales team to play Romania in a World Cup ranking match in Bucharest on Saturday after failing a fitness test yesterday. The Llanelli No 8 has been unable to recover from a back injury, and his former team-mate, Emyr Lewis, will take his place in the back row. Quinnell's loss could prove to be a significant blow to Wales as Lewis has been restricted to just one match for Cardiff this season.

Marathon seeks sponsor

ATHLETICS: A new sponsor is being sought for the London Marathon to replace NutraSweet, which is pulling out after next April's race at the end of a three-year deal. The company's European marketing director, Ewan Currie, said: "Our reputation and popularity have grown to record levels but the time has come to focus in other areas."

□ Liz McColgan is to return to competition after injury in the 10km Bupa Great Midland Run on October 16.

Boardman's pledge

CYCLING: Chris Boardman, the Olympic pursuit champion, completed the first lap at the £9 million National Cycling Centre, which was opened in Manchester yesterday by the Princess Royal, then declared he would use the stadium for an attempt on the world one-hour record held by Miguel Induráin next year. "The track is as good a facility I have seen anywhere in the world," Boardman said. The centre will be the venue of the 1996 world track championships.

Graveney favourite to represent players

By Simon Wilde

THE Cricketers' Association, the professional players' trades union, is to appoint a full-time official amid concerns that proceeds from the lucrative television agreement announced last month may not filter through to the performers.

The association's executive committee decided to create the position of general secretary at its annual meeting on Tuesday night. The salaried post will be filled in November and David Graveney, who is retiring after 23 seasons in the first-class game, is expected to head the list of nominations.

The heavy demands made of county players are reflected in the number of absentees from the final round of championship matches starting today. Ambrose, of Northamptonshire, has already returned to the Caribbean to rest a damaged shoulder. He is joined on the sidelines by Lara and Small, of Warwickshire, and Benson and Hooper, of Kent. Lara and Hooper are saving their energies for their teams' decisive Sunday league fixtures.

Warwickshire may be champions but ten other teams are chasing the four remaining prize-money places. Four of the top six sides are in action at Trent Bridge and Chelmsford. With rain in the air, though, Leicestershire, who travel to Old Trafford, must be optimistic of retaining second place.

At the end of the second full season of four-day championship matches, it must be a matter of concern that spin bowlers are not playing a more prominent role. The fact that the leading wicket-taker is Patel, Kent's left-arm spinner, only disguises the fact that many counties rely on a battery of seamers to exploit wearing surfaces.

Despite the poor quality of many pitches, it has been another batsman's summer, as 24 double-centuries would suggest. One player, John Carr, is averaging 854 since August 5. Not that every batsman has enjoyed himself. Alan Wells, the Sussex captain and leading championship century-maker last year, plays against Yorkshire at Hove still in search of his first three-figure score this season.

□ Hampshire have released Rupert Cox, their 27-year-old batsman, after 19 matches for the club. The county's former Derbyshire pace bowler, Martin Jean-Jacques, 34, has been forced to retire through injury.

Among players being offered summer holiday contracts are the Channel Islander, Lee Savident, and the England under-19 internationals, David Thomas and Glyn Treagus.

LEADING ENTRIES IN THE TIMES FIRST CLASS XI GAME

Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	Nathan & Jordan C C (G Clennell)	17,769
2	Chapelshire (Mr A J Hodgson)	17,635
3	Dave's Ravers (David Winteler)	17,467
4	What No Gower (Mr Justin Latham)	17,262
5	Stour Star (Michael Stour)	17,254
6	Willcox's XI (Ian Willcox)	17,241
7	46 All Out (G K Brooks)	17,235
8	Cowabunga-1 (Mr C D J Walker)	17,232
9	Kurz No 14 (Neil Kurz)	17,228
10	The Clangers (David Atkinson)	17,222
11	Worth A Shout (M J Culland)	17,17,5
12	Terry's XI (Matthew Terry)	17,168
13	I Am Aussie (Bound Mark Jeffery)	17,154
14	Hove Champions (David Barker)	17,138
15	M P XI (Mr M Potts)	17,119
16	East Bellastshire (Alan McOulty)	17,118
17	April Fools (M Roebuck)	17,094
18	Old Contemptibles (F Haydon)	17,087
19	Canmore XI (Thomas G Laing)	17,080
20	Hermiston (Roger J Hermiston)	17,079
21	Trousers First XI (J D Taylor Firth)	17,068
22	Richards Rebels (Richard Edwards)	17,060
23	Pak Azad C C (Mr S Mohammed)	17,052
24	Shropshire B (Dan Field)	17,032
25	Noonans Not Out (Martin John Royle)	17,008
26	Old Contemptibles (F Haydon)	16,993
27	A Summers Dream Brett Gordon)	16,985
28	Lex II CC (G M Pick)	16,958
29	The Last Wicket (John Le Poidevin)	16,954
30	Breslsboys (Dave Breslin)	16,939
31	Richies Hat (Mark Thompson)	16,936
32	Housans XI (R J Perry)	16,924
33	Winton Wanderers (Matthew Perry)	16,917
34	Elm Bank (R Chapman)	16,898
35	Scrumagers (J D Marsh)	16,898
36	Hardington Hounds (Mark Grassam)	16,896
37	Grim Reapers XI (Mr Richard Lloyd)	16,888
38	Herbery Long Hops (S J House)	16,886
39	Old Contemptibles (F Haydon)	16,884
40	Harrogate Arms (Andrew Dobby)	16,883
41	Jra XI (Jon Ayling)	16,870
42	Capman's XI (Thomas Capman)	16,869
43	The Bounders (Nick Cooke)	16,866
44	Mayo's Pesetas (Clive Bucknall)	16,856
45	Eastwoods XI (Stephen Eastwood)	16,855
46	Warmley Juniors (E Tucker)	16,841
47	Barwicks Bunnys (Philip Eidman)	16,832
48	Lots Of Points XI (Mr S M McGregor)	16,832
49	Lewis Icc (Darren Hudson)	16,823
50	Duchess Of Lowton (Linda Watkins)	16,812
51	Anacom (Darren McBride)	16,803
52	Wednesdayshire (Mr Andy Hibberd)	16,795
53	Seeded One (Mr Glen Fewings)	16,792
54	Old Contemptibles (F Haydon)	16,790
55	Duke Merleys XI (Robin Johnson)	16,789
56	English Winners ? (Mr Justin Latham)	16,789
57	Brownian Motion (David Mercer)	16,786
58	Wiskeshire (Mr R B Cave)	16,783
59	Achilles Heel X I (J E G Pile)	16,773
60	Simply The Best (Michael H Deinchs)	16,771
61	The Triers (Dr G S Atkinson)	16,764
62	Man Utd Cricket 11 (Matthew Lightfoot)	16,759
63	Evertonians (Nicolas Keating)	16,741
64	Hit And Hope (Richard Dawes)	16,732
65	Kurz No 16 (Neil Kurz)	16,730
66	Top Hole XI (J M Robertson)	16,725
67	Glos Trialists (Kevin Peacock)	16,719
68	XI Ruby Murrays (Roy Murray)	16,718
69	Dicky Teds XI (R Martin)	16,716,
70	The Winning Team (Mr M J Stuckey)	16,715
71	Bowled Pringle 0 (Mr Iain Caine)	16,714
72	Dislocations (Prasad Mohandas)	16,709
73	Champshire (Mr A Heppell)	16,704
74	Howzat For A Team (Scott Hayes)	16,701
75	Green's XI (R P Green)	16,696
76	Tatty's Pride XI (James Webb)	16,695
77	The Champs (A P A Underhill)	16,692
78	Esfingas (Nick Taylor)	16,685
79	Silly Pointless (Dr B I Hryda)	16,683
80	Championshire (John Morris)	16,682
81	Woofham 1st XI (D Mothersill)	16,676
82	Beware Of The Pog (Thomas Hamilton)	16,672
83	Leeshire (Steven Lee)	16,669
84	Excelsior (Mr David McAlister)	16,665
85	The Titanic C C (Nicholas Orlando Ran)	16,662
86	Bow Campering XI (D Osbourn)	16,662
87	Playup (Mr F Ackerley)	16,661
88	Kenshire Cc (Mr J E Griffin)	16,656
89	Talent Will Out (Paul S Phillips)	16,656
90	Sertin's XI (Mr James Sertin)	16,653
91	Class From The Past (Mark Liddiard)	16,641
92	The Flouchs (James Hoyland)	16,640
93	Warne Out XI (John Mullarky)	16,633
94	The Winning XI (Ian Honey)	16,633
95	Take That And Walk (S R Brook)	16,629
96	Fletcher Must Go (Keith Manning)	16,628
97	Long Hoppers (H Spence)	16,628
98	Day Dream Dozen (A Mellor)	16,622
99	Cricketology (Hugh Curtels)	16,611
100	The Ashley Arms (M Davis)	16,610

THE TIMES FIRST CLASS XI SCOREBOARD

Scores in brackets relate to the Fourth Innings game, which started on August 10; others relate to the season-long game. Figures include all matches completed by September 12.

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Total	Inj
Batsmen (001-113)				
J Adams (001)	969 (123)	3 (3)	1029 (183)	N
I C Adams (002)	931 (105)	23 (4)	1391 (185)	N
F Archer (003)	859 (289)	0 (0)	859 (289)	N
sif Din (004)	107 (0)	0 (0)	107 (0)	N
A Atherton (005)	852 (171)	0 (0)	852 (171)	N
W J Athey (006)	987 (83)	1 (0)	1007 (83)	N
J Bailey (007)	1194 (463)	6 (0)	1314 (463)	N
J Barnett (008)	847 (158)	13 (5)	1107 (258)	N
R Benson (009)	737 (29)	0 (0)	737 (29)	N
J Bicknell (010)	1319 (283)	0 (0)	1319 (283)	N
J Boon (011)	590 (197)	0 (0)	590 (197)	N
D Bowler (012)	546 (199)	0 (0)	546 (199)	N
E Briers (013)	1168 (205)	0 (0)	1168 (205)	N
C Broad (014)	496 (0)	0 (0)	496 (0)	N
D Brown (015)	1049 (217)	0 (0)	1049 (217)	N
Byas (016)	1258 (298)	2 (0)	1298 (298)	N
D Carr (017)	1542 (776)	0 (0)	1542 (776)	N
A Cottey (018)	1371 (451)	2 (1)	1411 (471)	N
R Cowdrey (019)	401 (38)	0 (0)	401 (38)	N
M F Cox (020)	114 (0)	0 (0)	114 (0)	N
P Crawley (021)	1500 (299)	0 (0)	1500 (299)	N
A Crawley (022)	172 (0)	1 (0)	192 (0)	N
S Curtis (023)	980 (251)	0 (0)	980 (251)	N
A Daley (024)	453 (184)	0 (0)	453 (184)	N
A Dessaur (025)	154 (0)	0 (0)	154 (0)	N
B D'Oliveira (026)	156 (67)	7 (2)	296 (107)	N
H Fairbrother (027)	1002 (279)	0 (0)	1002 (279)	N
A Felton (028)	445 (0)	0 (0)	445 (0)	N
A Folland (029)	671 (37)	0 (0)	671 (37)	N
Fordham (030)	827 (390)	0 (0)	827 (390)	N
Fowler (031)	227 (0)	0 (0)	227 (0)	N
E R Gallian (032)	874 (58)	10 (1)	1074 (78)	N
W Gatting (033)	1671 (363)	2 (0)	1711 (363)	N
A Gooch (034)	1697 (219)	3 (0)	1757 (219)	N
P Grayson (035)	1025 (434)	8 (0)	1185 (434)	N
Greenfield (036)	61 (0)	0 (0)	61 (0)	N
W Hall (037)	781 (112)	0 (0)	781 (112)	N
H C Hancock (038)	850 (146)	3 (0)	910 (146)	N
J Harden (039)	966 (152)	0 (0)	986 (152)	N
N Hayhurst (040)	1198 (239)	9 (0)	1378 (239)	N
L Haynes (041)	949 (104)	0 (0)	949 (104)	N
L Hemp (042)	1391 (285)	0 (0)	1391 (285)	N
G Hinks (043)	242 (0)	0 (0)	242 (0)	N
D Hodgson (044)	254 (119)	0 (0)	254 (119)	N
J Hollioake (045)	722 (170)	24 (4)	1202 (250)	N
Hussain (046)	894 (62)	0 (0)	894 (62)	N
Hutton (047)	581 (144)	0 (0)	581 (144)	N
C Irani (048)	908 (139)	28 (0)	1468 (139)	N
P James (049)	861 (158)	0 (0)	861 (158)	N
Johnson (050)	1122 (235)	0 (0)	1122 (235)	N
Keech (051)	141 (0)	0 (0)	141 (0)	N
A Kellett (052)	265 (118)	0 (0)	265 (118)	N
V Knight (053)	929 (355)	1 (0)	949 (355)	N
J Lamb (054)	794 (223)	0 (0)	794 (223)	N
N Lathwell (055)	1220 (177)	3 (0)	1280 (177)	N
Larkins (056)	955 (25)	0 (0)	955 (25)	N
A Leatherdale (057)	969 (298)	5 (0)	1069 (298)	N
J Lenham (058)	778 (134)	0 (0)	778 (134)	N
J B Lewis (059)	751 (73)	0 (0)	751 (73)	N
J Llong (060)	172 (35)	6 (0)	292 (35)	N
D Lloyd (061)	633 (227)	0 (0)	633 (227)	N
Longley (062)	594 (122)	0 (0)	594 (122)	N
B Loye (063)	914 (5)	0 (0)	914 (5)	N
A Lynch (064)	238 (125)	0 (0)	238 (125)	N
P Maynard (065)	970 (496)	0 (0)	970 (496)	N
A Metcalfe (066)	15 (15)	0 (0)	15 (15)	N
C Middleton (067)	524 (72)	0 (0)	524 (72)	N
J Moles (068)	856 (211)	0 (0)	856 (211)	N
M Moody (069)	1001 (273)	15 (1)	1301 (293)	N
H Morris (070)	885 (75)	0 (0)	885 (75)	N
J E Morris (071)	1421 (521)	1 (0)	1441 (521)	N
R S M Morris (072)	686 (0)	0 (0)	686 (0)	N
M D Moxon (073)	1392 (564)	0 (0)	1392 (564)	N
M C J Nicholas (074)	1134 (250)	0 (0)	1134 (250)	N
T J G O'Gorman (075)	872 (46)	0 (0)	872 (46)	N
D P Ostler (076)	1161 (325)	0 (0)	1161 (325)	N
T L Penney (077)	798 (121)	0 (0)	798 (121)	N
P R Pollard (078)	903 (256)	1 (0)	923 (256)	N
P J Prichard (079)	566 (78)	0 (0)	566 (78)	N
M R Ramprakash (080)	1271 (265)	0 (0)	1271 (265)	N
J D Ratcliffe (081)	87 (0)	0 (0)	87 (0)	N
R B Richardson (082)	551 (0)	0 (0)	551 (0)	N
D D J Robinson (083)	38 (38)	0 (0)	38 (38)	N
P E Robinson (084)	251 (167)	0 (0)	251 (167)	N
R T Robinson (085)	1239 (348)	1 (0)	1259 (348)	N
A S Rollins (086)	708 (100)	0 (0)	708 (100)	N
M A Roseberry (087)	1074 (175)	0 (0)	1074 (175)	N
A C H Seymour (088)	179 (0)	0 (0)	179 (0)	N
N Shahid (089)	326 (0)	3 (0)	386 (0)	N
B F Smith (090)	626 (26)	0 (0)	626 (26)	N
I Smith (091)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	N
R A Smith (092)	1234 (317)	0 (0)	1234 (317)	N
N J Speak (093)	1234 (337)	0 (0)	1234 (337)	N
A W Smith (094)	524 (86)	26 (5)	1044 (186)	N
D M Smith (095)	326 (82)	0 (0)	326 (82)	N
M P Speight (096)	991 (246)	0 (0)	991 (246)	N
A J Stewart (097)	936 (81)	0 (0)	936 (81)	N
N R Taylor (098)	1029 (271)	0 (0)	1029 (271)	N
V P Terry (099)	1271 (462)	0 (0)	1271 (462)	N
G P Thorpe (100)	1121 (126)	0 (0)	1121 (126)	N
S P Titchard (101)	538 (120)	0 (0)	538 (120)	N
M E Trescothick (102)	873 (171)	0 (0)	873 (171)	N
R G Twose (103)	1399 (358)	15 (5)	1699 (458)	N
M P Vaughan (104)	1066 (191)	14 (1)	1346 (211)	N
D M Ward (105)	921 (171)	0 (0)	921 (171)	N
T R Ward (106)	1259 (235)	0 (0)	1259 (235)	N
R J Warren (107)	566 (151)	0 (0)	566 (151)	N
A P Wells (108)	770 (127)	1 (0)	790 (127)	N
C M Wells (109)	303 (94)	13 (3)	563 (154)	N
W P C Weston (110)	818 (155)	0 (0)	818 (155)	N
J J Whitaker (111)	954 (162)	0 (0)	954 (162)	N
M G N Windows (112)	667 (327)	0 (0)	667 (327)	N
A J Wright (113)	1175 (436)	0 (0)	1175 (436)	N
All-rounders (114-156)				
M W Alleyne (114)	1183 (155)	41 (9)	2003 (335)	N
I D Austin (115)	351 (193)	32 (16)	991 (513)	N
P Bainbridge (116)	660 (216)	14 (6)	940 (336)	N
D J Capel (117)	43 (0)	0 (0)	43 (0)	N
G Chapple (118)	149 (64)	50 (24)	1149 (544)	N
D G Cork (119)	507 (225)	35 (17)	1207 (565)	N
R D B Croft (120)	586 (260)	39 (12)	1366 (500)	N
A C Cummins (121)	629 (187)	52 (5)	1669 (287)	N
K M Curran (122)	911 (169)	31 (13)	1531 (429)	N
A Dale (123)	711 (131)	23 (6)	1171 (251)	N
P A J DeFreitas (124)	545 (86)	64 (10)	1825 (286)	N
J E Emburey (125)	203 (16)	57 (6)	1343 (136)	N
K P Evans (126)	514 (127)	38 (10)	1274 (327)	N
M A Feltham (127)	256 (59)	34 (8)	936 (219)	N
M V Fleming (128)	793 (75)	9 (3)	973 (135)	N
P J Hartley (129)	343 (101)	56 (14)	1463 (381)	N
G R Haynes (130)	981 (383)	7 (2)	1121 (423)	N
G A Hick (131)	1514 (439)	11 (4)	1734 (519)	N
C L Hooper (132)	1579 (295)	29 (11)	2159 (515)	N
R K Illingworth (133)	438 (77)	48 (14)	1398 (357)	N
K D James (134)	417 (116)	26 (10)	937 (316)	N
S R Lampitt (135)	609 (111)	64 (16)	1889 (431)	N
R P Lefebvre (136)	240 (0)	24 (3)	720 (60)	N
C C Lewis (137)	773 (395)	46 (18)	1693 (755)	N
G W Mike (138)	347 (113)	45 (9)	1247 (293)	N
Mushtaq Ahmed (139)	168 (0)	45 (0)	1068 (0)	N
P J Newport (140)	343 (95)	53 (15)	1403 (395)	N
C Penn (141)	0 (0)	1 (0)	20 (0)	N
M Prabhakar (142)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	Y
D A Reeve (143)	116 (0)	9 (0)	296 (0)	N
G D Rose (144)	548 (47)	44 (6)	1428 (167)	N
P V Simmons (145)	907 (143)	30 (14)	1507 (423)	N
N M K Smith (146)	435 (116)	49 (8)	1415 (276)	N
P A Smith (147)	363 (14)	16 (1)	723 (34)	N
J N Snape (148)	76 (0)	4 (0)	156 (0)	N
F D Stephenson (149)	731 (85)	66 (13)	2051 (345)	N
J P Stephenson (150)	516 (36)	26 (8)	1036 (196)	N
C M Tolley (151)	180 (16)	8 (0)	340 (16)	N
Wasim Akram (152)	244 (0)	27 (0)	784 (0)	N
M Watkinson (153)	889 (190)	63 (14)	2149 (470)	N
V J Wells (154)	849 (231)	39 (6)	1629 (351)	N
P N Weekes (155)	648 (333)	41 (11)	1468 (553)	N
C White (156)	663 (0)	33 (0)	1323 (0)	N
Wicketkeepers (157-176)				
A N Aymes (157)	682 (173)	39 (10)	1462 (373)	N
R J Blakey (158)	1175 (220)	66 (11)	2495 (440)	N
K R Brown (159)	639 (68)	54 (15)	1719 (368)	N
N D Burns (160)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	N
B N French (161)	0 (0)	2 (0)	40 (0)	N
M A Garnham (162)	541 (77)	36 (7)	1261 (317)	N
W K Hegg (163)	495 (185)	46 (16)	1415 (505)	N
G J Kersey (164)	127 (34)	18 (4)	487 (114)	N
K M Krikken (165)	426 (67)	28 (13)	986 (327)	N
S A Marsh (166)	760 (210)	74 (20)	2240 (610)	N
C P Metson (167)	398 (156)	59 (19)	1578 (536)	N
P Moores (168)	679 (112)	59 (11)	1839 (332)	N
P A Nixon (169)	1046 (365)	61 (18)	2266 (725)	N
K J Piper (170)	454 (161)	63 (16)	1714 (481)	N
S J Rhodes (171)	841 (164)	67 (18)	2181 (524)	N
D Ripley (172)	232 (9)	45 (4)	1132 (89)	N
R J Rollins (173)	9 (0)	1 (0)	29 (0)	N
R C Russell (174)	884 (85)	59 (14)	2064 (365)	N
C W Scott (175)	670 (73)	56 (17)	1790 (413)	N
R J Turner (176)	537 (121)	52 (8)	1577 (281)	N
Bowlers (177-269)				
J A Afford (177)	36 (12)	40 (4)	836 (92)	N
C E L Ambrose (178)	257 (103)	77 (23)	1797 (563)	N
S J W Andrew (179)	37 (14)	9 (2)	217 (54)	N
A M Babington (180)	0 (0)	1 (0)	20 (0)	N
M C J Ball (181)	430 (91)	21 (6)	850 (211)	N
A A Barnett (182)	14 (0)	10 (0)	214 (0)	N
S R Barwick (183)	35 (16)	34 (7)	715 (156)	N
S Bastien (184)	7 (0)	8 (0)	167 (0)	N
J D Batty (185)	78 (54)	6 (4)	198 (134)	N
J E Benjamin (186)	148 (31)	80 (11)	1748 (251)	N
W K M Benjamin (187)	231 (0)	24 (0)	711 (0)	N
P J Berry (188)	3 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)	N
M P Bicknell (189)	140 (85)	28 (12)	700 (325)	N
I R Bishop (190)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	Y
J Boiling (191)	75 (27)	6 (2)	195 (67)	N
M Broadhurst (192)	6 (0)	1 (0)	26 (0)	N
S J E Brown (193)	268 (85)	74 (19)	1748 (465)	N
M A Butcher (194)	593 (329)	14 (0)	873 (329)	N
A R Caddick (195)	219 (66)	51 (17)	1239 (406)	N
J H Childs (196)	96 (11)	35 (0)	796 (11)	N
C A Connor (197)	206 (72)	71 (17)	1626 (412)	N
N G B Cook (198)	96 (7)	14 (0)	376 (7)	N
K E Cooper (199)	84 (0)	38 (0)	844 (0)	N
A C Cottam (200)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	N
N G Cowans (201)	51 (9)	26 (6)	571 (129)	N
R P Davis (202)	131 (30)	25 (13)	631 (280)	N
M A Ealham (203)	634 (229)	26 (0)	1154 (229)	N
R M Ellison (204)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	N
M G Field-Buss (205)	72 (0)	12 (0)	312 (0)	N
D P J Flint (206)	5 (0)	1 (0)	25 (0)	N
M J Foster (207)	159 (0)	3 (0)	219 (0)	N
A R C Fraser (208)	80 (12)	47 (11)	1020 (232)	N
O D Gibson (209)	710 (113)	60 (22)	1910 (553)	N
E S H Giddins (210)	83 (36)	56 (19)	1203 (416)	N
D Gough (211)	350 (112)	55 (17)	1450 (452)	N
D A Graveney (212)	315 (28)	31 (7)	935 (168)	N
F A Griffith (213)	123 (0)	8 (0)	283 (0)	N
D W Headley (214)	134 (0)	36 (0)	854 (0)	N
E E Hemmings (215)	86 (28)	33 (4)	746 (108)	N
A P Igglesden (216)	61 (0)	24 (0)	541 (0)	N
M C Ilott (217)	193 (79)	57 (27)	1333 (619)	N
P W Jarvis (218)	320 (46)	49 (15)	1300 (346)	N
M Jean-Jacques (219)	52 (22)	5 (0)	152 (22)	N
R L Johnson (220)	205 (0)	39 (0)	985 (0)	N
M S Kasprowicz (221)	323 (73)	56 (18)	1443 (433)	N
N M Kendrick (222)	112 (32)	9 (4)	292 (112)	N
D R Law (223)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	N
M J McCague (225)	279 (150)	57 (25)	1419 (650)	N
D E Malcolm (226)	89 (41)	68 (25)	1449 (541)	N
N A Mallender (227)	270 (52)	16 (2)	590 (92)	N
P J Martin (228)	367 (85)	52 (25)	1407 (585)	N
R J Maru (229)	207 (80)	15 (3)	507 (140)	N
D J Millns (230)	348 (106)	75 (24)	1848 (586)	N
O H Mortensen (231)	0 (0)	2 (0)	40 (0)	N
A D Mullally (232)	103 (30)	31 (7)	723 (170)	N
T A Munton (233)	106 (40)	81 (19)	1726 (420)	N
A J Murphy (234)	10 (0)	2 (0)	50 (0)	N
J A North (235)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	N
G J Parsons (236)	464 (145)	43 (13)	1344 (405)	N
M M Patel (237)	247 (22)	90 (16)	2047 (342)	N
R M Pearson (238)	45 (0)	4 (0)	125 (0)	N
A L Penberthy (239)	625 (159)	37 (10)	1365 (359)	N
D B Pennett (240)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	N
R A Pick (241)	227 (0)	54 (8)	1307 (160)	N
A C S Pigott (242)	160 (36)	29 (9)	740 (216)	N
A R K Pierson (243)	291 (132)	35 (6)	991 (252)	N
N V Radford (244)	161 (54)	39 (12)	941 (294)	N
A R Roberts (245)	210 (47)	16 (4)	530 (127)	N
M A Robinson (246)	51 (19)	40 (18)	851 (379)	N
I D K Salisbury (247)	305 (122)	46 (10)	1225 (322)	N
K J Shine (248)	39 (13)	29 (5)	619 (113)	N
P W Sladdin (249)	42 (0)	4 (0)	122 (0)	N
G C Small (250)	78 (37)	36 (12)	798 (271)	N
D J Spencer (251)	46 (0)	10 (0)	246 (0)	N
R D Stemp (252)	258 (65)	48 (9)	1218 (245)	N
P M Such (253)	167 (64)	57 (14)	1307 (344)	N
J P Taylor (254)	61 (3)	36 (5)	781 (103)	N
S D Thomas (255)	15 (0)	3 (0)	75 (0)	N
M J Thursfield (256)	59 (20)	16 (0)	379 (20)	N
T D Topley (257)	2 (0)	1 (0)	22 (0)	N
H R J Trump (258)	276 (102)	26 (6)	796 (222)	N
P C R Tufnell (259)	14 (0)	39 (21)	794 (420)	N
S D Udal (260)	590 (105)	67 (15)	1930 (405)	N
M J Vandrau (261)	435 (126)	26 (9)	955 (306)	N
A P van Troost (262)	108 (46)	35 (11)	808 (266)	N
C A Walsh (263)	272 (39)	89 (16)	2052 (359)	N
Waqar Younis (264)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	Y
A E Warner (265)	96 (22)	19 (6)	476 (142)	N
S L Watkin (266)	92 (24)	50 (11)	1092 (244)	N
N F Williams (267)	134 (23)	25 (5)	634 (123)	N
J Wood (268)	194 (75)	44 (13)	1074 (335)	N
G Yates (269)	264 (51)	34 (5)	944 (151)	N
New players				
M Azharuddin (301)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
B C Lara (302)	(261)	(0)	(261)	N
M Saxelby (303)	(214)	(0)	(214)	N
W M Noon (304)	(93)	(15)	(393)	N
V P Clarke (305)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
S J Base (306)	(32)	(4)	(112)	N
J E Brinkley (307)	(5)	(2)	(45)	N
C E Cuffy (308)	(11)	(3)	(71)	N
T Edwards (309)	(33)	(0)	(33)	N
N F Sargeant (310)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
B T P Donelan (311)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
C E W Silverwood (312)	(9)	(2)	(49)	N

□ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket. Wickets include catches and stumpings by wicketkeepers, but not catches by fielders

The final column indicates whether a player is injured and has been officially declared inactive for the rest of the season by The Times First Class XI judging panel (N = no, Y = yes). Short-term injuries and absences are not counted.

□ Source: TCCB/PA Cricket Record

WORD-WATCHING

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SHIBUICHI

(b) An alloy consisting of three parts of copper to one of silver, extensively used by the Japanese on account of its beautiful silver-grey patina, from the Japanese *shi* four + *bu* part(s) + *ichi* one. "Neither metal, when it emerges from the furnace, has any beauty, *shakudo* being simply dark-coloured, and *shibuichi* pale gun-metal."

YOGIBOGEYBOX

(a) The paraphernalia of a spiritualist, a nonce-word, from *yogi* + *bogey* + *box*. James Joyce, *Ulysses*, 1922: "Yoghibogeybox in Dawson Chambers. *Isis Unveiled*. Their Pali-book we tried to pawn... He thrones an Aztec logos, functioning on astral levels, their oversoul mahamahatma."

VALENKI

(a) Felt boots of a type worn by Russians, the Russian plural of *valenok* felt boot: "All of them had to get used to Russian frosts, to valenki (knee-high felt boots) and fur caps — poor unhappy birds of passage."

STELLWAG'S SIGN

(a) Originally the retraction of the upper eyelid in thyrotoxicosis (called also Dalrymple's sign), now often applied to the diminished blinking that normally accompanies it, an eponym from the name of Carl Stellwag von Carion (1823-1904), an Austrian ophthalmologist. "A married woman, aged 32, with marked retraction of the left upper eyelid (Stellwag's sign); no proptosis, and no goitre."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

White missed 1 Qxa8+ forcing an immediate checkmate. After 1 fxe5, Black replied 1 ... c3+ winning the white queen.

Long suspension awaits Fallon

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Wijara, right, comes with a well-timed challenge under Richard Perham to beat Chattaroy at Sandown

A SIMMERING dispute between two northern jockeys blew up in front of thousands of betting shop punters yesterday when Kieran Fallon dragged Stuart Webster from his horse after a race at Beverley.

The ugly incident, which was captured by SIS cameras, was followed by an apparent clash between the riders when they returned to the weighing room. Fallon emerged with a plaster on his forehead while Webster had blood coming out of his nose.

The friction between the two jockeys stems from a race at Southwell in July where Fallon was first past the post on Heart Broken and Webster was second on Sailormaite. After an objection by Webster to Fallon's riding, Fallon lost the race and received a seven-day ban.

Yesterday's problems came as Webster was pulling up Sailormaite after winning the John Mangles Memorial Handicap. Fallon, who had ridden the unplaced Gymcrak Flyer, grabbed the winning rider and dragged him from the saddle.

With the skirmish having been captured on film, the Beverley stewards were quick to summon the two riders — but not before Webster came out of the weighing-room sporting a bloody nose which prevented him from receiving his trophy. Fallon also suffered a facial wound, but when asked if he wanted to discuss the matter, said: "I would rather not."

The stewards took evidence from both riders and watched the camera patrol film which showed Webster's mount and Royal Interval, ridden by apprentice John Stack, appearing to have a barging match. As a result Fallon had little room behind them.

Fallon was found to have deliberately pulled Webster off Sailormaite after the winning line and the stewards referred the matter to the Jockey Club at Portman Square.

The jockey almost certainly faces the prospect of a lengthy ban as he was suspended for seven days by Thirsk stewards in June for hitting apprentice Keith Rutter with his whip when winning a race on Misbelief.

On a happier note, racing's white knight — George Ward — has stepped in to sponsor both the Lingfield Derby Trial and Greenham Stakes at Newbury next year. Ward's photograph-processing company is the single biggest sponsor of horse racing in Britain and around 80 races next year will have its backing.

Ward, at present at the Keeneland September Sales, has a three-year understanding with Newbury to support the Tripleprint Greenham Stakes, sponsored until this season by Singer and Friedlander. He stepped in earlier this year to back the Bonusprint Geoffrey Freer Stakes at the Berkshire course and his company is also providing backing for the Tripleprint Gerry Feilden Hurdle on Hennessy Gold Cup day, and a Flat handicap at the August meeting.

The Lingfield Derby Trial is the Surrey course's top race and the sponsorship by Tripleprint will be backed up by a Bonuspost handicap in June and a Bonusprint handicap at a Sunday fixture next July.

Roger Easterby, Lingfield's marketing director, said yesterday: "George has been impressed with what we have achieved since we took over Lingfield 3½ years ago and we are delighted that he has agreed to sponsor our major race. It is terrific news to have him on board."



Fallon: in trouble

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER
2.30 Moujeeb. 3.00 Iltimas. 3.30 Provence. 4.00 Vettori. 4.30 Flash Of Insight. 5.00 Decant.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 GOLDEN TUNE (nap). 4.00 Istidaad.

GOING: SOFT SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.30 BREYDON WATER HANDICAP
(£3,652: 6f 3yds) (18 runners)

1 (5) 6100 DRY POINT 20 (CD,F,G) J Toller 8-10-0 ... W Newnes 97
2 (4) 5500 GREAT HALL 2 (B,D,F,G) P Cundell 5-9-10 D Griffiths (5) 95
3 (3) 6060 HIGH HOLME 72 (G) D Thom 3-9-6 ... B Russell (5) 94
4 (1) 0232 DYNAMIS 33 N Graham 3-9-6 ... Pat Eddery 90
5 (8) 3044 LOVE LEGEND 16 (D,F,G,S) D Arbuthnot 9-9-5 ... M Fenton (3) 95
6 (6) 2453 TINKER OSMASTON 17 (B,F) C Williams 3-9-4 J Quinn 94
7 (17) 2315 BRADWELL 28 (F) M Tompkins 3-8-12 ... P Robinson 89
8 (12) 0200 FIGHTER SQUADRON 13 (B,F,G) J Glover 5-8-11 G Carter 96
9 (15) 3611 INVIGILATE 16 (D,F,G) M Wane 5-8-11 ... B Thomson 98
10 (18) 0021 MOUJEEB 19 (V,D,G) Pat Mitchell 4-8-10 ... Stephen Davies (3) 96
11 (9) 1050 BRIGHT PARAGON 14 (D,F,G,S) H Collingridge 5-8-9 ... W R Swinburn 97
12 (10) 0000 THE INSTITUTE BOY 50 (D,G) G Oldroyd 4-8-7 J Lowe 96
13 (14) 4402 LITTLE HOOLIGAN 3 (V,D,G) M Channon 3-8-2 ... G Bardwell 99
14 (13) -045 TEE GEE JAY 29 (D,S) P Felgate 4-8-1 ... W Carson 94
15 (2) 0010 KINNEGAD KID 30 (D,G,S) R Ingram 5-8-0 N Gwilliams 98
16 (7) 0000 JUST HARRY 30 (S) M Ryan 3-7-13 ... D Biggs 88
17 (16) 0400 KILLY'S RAYNJA 19 (V) J Glover 3-7-12 ... A Tucker 90
18 (11) 0-00 FOXTOWNS GIRL 38 J Bosley 3-7-9 ... E Johnson 88
5-1 Invigilate, 6-1 Love Legend, 8-1 Moujeeb, Dynamis, 10-1 others.

3.00 TED PILLAR FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,479: 6f 3yds) (8)

1 (4) 124F TANAMI 76 (BF,F) D Loder 9-0 ... G Carter 99
2 (6) 12 ILTIMAS 14 (D,BF,G) P Walwyn 8-12 ... W Carson 99
3 (8) 3455 PEARL VENTURE 17 (F) S Woods 8-12 ... W Ryan 95
4 (5) ALMIZAJ H Thomson Jones 8-7 ... R Hills —
5 (7) 4 BANNER 71 B Hills 8-7 ... Pat Eddery 78
6 (1) GOLDEN TUNE M Stoute 8-7 ... W R Swinburn —
7 (3) 50 MISS IRON HEART 20 D Cosgrove 8-7 ... J Quinn 74
8 (2) 3 MOONLIGHT SAUNTER 14 (BF) A Scott 8-7 B Thomson 96
9-1 Iltimas, 7-2 Golden Tune, 9-2 Tanami, 11-2 Moonlight Saunter, 8-1 Banner, 10-1 Pearl Venture, Almizaj, 25-1 Miss Iron Heart.

3.30 GREAT YARMOUTH STAYERS HANDICAP
(£7,440: 2m 2f 51yd) (10)

1 (8) 2016 CAPTAIN'S GUEST 34 (F,G) G Harwood 4-10-0 W Carson 94
2 (6) 0510 HALKOPOUS 29 (F,G,S) M Tompkins 8-9-10 P Robinson 94
3 (2) 2116 HARLESTONE BROOK 17 (BF,F,G,S) J Dunlop 4-9-8 ... Pat Eddery 98
4 (3) 1234 STAR RAGE 5 (F,G) M Johnston 4-9-0 ... R Hills 97
5 (10) 4450 PROVENCE 50 (V,CD,F,S) P Harris 7-8-12 ... W Newnes 94
6 (1) 8212 OLD RED 16 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-6 ... W Ryan 96
7 (7) 3130 DOYCE 50 (D,F,G,S) R Williams 5-8-5 ... G Bardwell 98
8 (9) 1251 WELL BELOVED 20 (V,F,G) H Cecil 3-7-12 ... J Lowe 95
9 (4) 3005 ALLMOSA 7 (D,F,G) T Naughton 5-7-9 ... J Quinn 99
10 (5) 0040 OZZIE JONES 2 (F) M Chapman 3-7-7 Claire Balding (7) 78
7-2 Harlestone Brook, 9-2 Old Red, 5-1 Well Beloved, 8-1 Captain's Guest, Halkopous, Star Rage, Provence, Doyce, 12-1 Allmosa, 100-1 Ozzie Jones.

4.00 EBF HASTINGS MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,724: 1m 3yds) (9)

1 (7) 0 BARNABY WILLOW 13 M Ryan 9-0 ... P Robinson —
2 (3) 20 CALL ME FLASH 29 Mrs P Sly 9-0 ... J Lowe 69
3 (9) CHINA MAIL J Eustace 9-0 ... B Thomson —
4 (1) 22 ISTIDAAD 30 (BF) A Stewart 9-0 ... W Carson 99
5 (2) KAFANI AL WIDD M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn —
6 (6) SOVIET SHORE D Loder 9-0 ... G Carter —
7 (8) 65 TIRA HEIGHTS 20 R Armstrong 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 79
8 (5) VETTORI H Cecil 9-0 ... W Ryan —
9 (4) PUCK'S CASTLE M Bell 8-9 ... M Fenton (3) —
10-11 Istidaad, 7-2 Vettori, 6-1 Kafani Al Widd, 8-1 Tira Heights, 10-1 Soviet Shore, 20-1 Puck's Castle, 25-1 China Mail, 33-1 others.

4.30 LOTTIE AND ALBERT BOTTON MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,948: 1m 3yds) (15)

1 (12) 4624 SHEROY 14 J Dunlop 9-7 ... W Carson 87
2 (10) 004 FLASH OF INSIGHT 16 B Hanbury 9-3 ... W R Swinburn 84
3 (1) 4391 NAKED WELCOME 8 (D,G) M Fetherston-Godley 9-3 (5ex) ... Pat Eddery 94
4 (14) 0040 SILVER SLEEVE 29 J Toller 9-1 ... W Newnes 88
5 (7) 100 DUFFERTOES 13 (S) M Ryan 9-0 ... G Carter 89
6 (9) 0303 TOP FELLA 9 W O'Gorman 8-11 ... T Ives 81
7 (6) 1614 BOBANLYN 41 (C,F,G) D Morris 8-11 Stephen Davies (3) 87
8 (8) 3324 DRUMDOCHTER 51 (BF) D Morley 8-9 ... R Hills 89
9 (13) 4500 LAST CORNER 47 R Hollinshead 8-7 ... W Ryan 89
10 (15) 0430 GOOD SO FA 29 M Tompkins 8-6 ... P Robinson 90
11 (5) 060 TOUCHING LOOK 36 (V) M Stoute 8-3 ... J Quinn 80
12 (11) 010 FLYING GIRL 23 (BF,G) M Bell 8-2 ... M Fenton (3) 87
13 (3) 000 DANCE MOTION 29 M Jarvis 8-1 ... G Bardwell 80
14 (2) 544 FEN TERRIER 17 W Haggas 7-12 ... D Biggs 81
15 (4) 000 SPECIALIZE K Burke 7-10 ... A Tucker 87
7-2 Naked Welcome, 9-2 Sheroy, 7-1 Bobanlyn, 10-1 Flash Of Insight, Drumdochter, Top Fella, 12-1 Fen Terrier, Dance Motion, Good So Fa, 16-1 others.

5.00 YARMOUTH ROADS MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,626: 1m 3yds) (20)

1 (11) 5224 ROSEBERRY TOPPING Mrs M Reveley 5-10-0 W Newnes 88
2 (19) 3503 DECANT J Fanshawe 3-9-11 ... W R Swinburn 94
3 (12) 0402 RED WHIRLWIND B McMath 4-9-9 ... E Johnson 92
4 (16) 5302 SWINGING SIXTIES G L Moore 3-9-7 ... DOUBTFUL 94
5 (8) 4000 OFF THE BLOCKS W Jarvis 3-9-5 ... W Carson 93
6 (2) -000 SHADY BANK R Armstrong 4-9-5 ... Pat Eddery 93
7 (13) 0422 BALLYHAYS J A Harris 5-9-4 ... M Fenton (3) 99
8 (3) 3245 LADY HIGHFIELD M Ryan 3-9-4 ... G Carter 90
9 (10) 4-50 DAKOTA BRAVE J Pearce 3-9-3 ... G Bardwell 94
10 (15) 0-00 CHARLIE CHARLIE Lady Herries 3-9-1 ... T Ives 97
11 (4) 6060 JOYS FIRST H Collingridge 3-9-1 ... J Quinn 94
12 (7) 5000 LADY SABINA W Musson 4-9-0 ... R Hills 87
13 (5) 0034 INSUPERABLE N Graham 3-9-0 ... P Robinson 89
14 (18) 0-00 ACCESS ADVANTAGE R Boss 3-9-0 ... W Ryan 80
15 (1) 5-50 CANOVAS HEART B Jones 5-8-13 ... V Smith —
16 (14) -606 SIMPLY A SEQUEL M Prescott 3-8-9 ... C Rutter 86
17 (20) 3000 PUCK'S DELIGHT (B) D Thom 4-8-7 ... B Russell (5) 96
18 (9) 0504 RUNIC SYMBOL M Blanshard 3-8-5. Stephen Davies (3) 88
19 (17) 6034 BEDAZZLE M Brittain 3-8-3 ... J Lowe 91
20 (6) 0503 YENGEMA (B) R Spicer 3-8-2 ... D Biggs 91
9-2 Decant, 11-2 Red Whirlwind, 13-2 Insuperable, 8-1 Ballyhays, Roseberry Topping, 10-1 Bedazzle, Shady Bank, 12-1 Lady Highfield, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Fetherston-Godley, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; M Johnston, 5 from 13, 38.5%; B Hills, 9 from 28, 32.1%; H Cecil, 28 from 90, 31.1%; P Harris, 6 from 25, 24.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 4 from 17, 23.5%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 16 winners from 59 rides, 27.1%; P Robinson, 19 from 97, 19.6%; W Ryan, 22 from 118, 18.6%; W R Swinburn, 16 from 114, 14.0%; M Fenton, 3 from 22, 13.6%; W Carson, 8 from 62, 12.9%.

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER
2.15 Fairways On Target. 2.45 Thames Sword. 3.15 Johnnie The Joker. 3.45 Carlton Express. 4.15 Noblissima. 4.45 Flame War.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 NOBLISSIMA.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 7F 100YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 DRIFFIELD SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,749: 2m 35yd) (16)

1 4323 FAIRWAYS ON TARGET 26J Mrs M Reveley 8-9-10 J Fortune 10
2 -000 UNDERWYCHWOOD 54 P Burgoyne 6-9-10 ... S Dawson 4
3 -040 BEAUMOOD 10 (V,F,G,S) E Alston 8-9-5 ... Paul Eddery 12
4 0-00 BALLAD RULER 127J P Pritchard 8-9-2 ... T Wall 13
5 1500 RAVENSPUR 35 (B) J Parkes 4-9-0 ... C Rutter 8
6 5250 MOST BEAUTIFUL 34 C Brittain 3-9-0 ... M Roberts 11
7 6060 DUGGAN 12 (C,F,G) M Johnston 7-9-0 ... Oliver Casey (7) 1
8 0030 COURT JESTER 24 (V) A Foster 3-9-0 ... J Stack (5) 9
9 00/0 ZAFARRANCHO 34 (B) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-8-12. S Maloney 15
10 0060 EXPLOSIVE POWER 19 S Woods 3-8-11 ... N Varley (5) 14
11 5023 DON'T CRY 22 E Incisa 6-8-10 ... Kim Tinkler 5
12 /60- STATION EXPRESS 107J (F) J Dooler 6-8-9 ... M Tebbutt 16
13 0054 DIAMOND INTHE DARK 22 (F,G) J Norton 6-8-8 P McCabe (5) 2
14 0503 CRUISING CHICK 21 S Norton 3-8-7 ... J Williams 3
15 6005 ARIAN SPIRIT 30 (B) W Musson 3-8-7 ... A McGlone 7
16 0505 TIL FRIDAY 41J M Ryan 4-7-12 ... M Baird (7) 6
6-1 Arian Spirit, 7-1 Fairways On Target, 8-1 Diamond Inthe Dark, Most Beautiful, Don't Cry, Cruising Chick, 10-1 Ravenspur, 12-1 others.

2.45 SUN ALLIANCE BATTLE OF BRITAIN MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,216: 1m 100yd) (6)

1 2 DEANO'S BEENO 13 M Johnston 9-0 ... M Roberts 2
2 EMBRYONIC R Fisher 9-0 ... J Williams 6
3 00 JACKMANII 12 W Kemp 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 1
4 0 LEEDONS PARK 17 M W Easterby 9-0 ... S Maloney 3
5 24 THAMES SWORD 17 H Cecil 9-0 ... A McGlone 4
6 00 SHARMOOR 45 Miss L Siddall 8-9 ... J Fortune 5
Evens Thames Sword, 5-4 Deano's Beeno, 10-1 Jackmanii, 12-1 others.

3.15 SANDSFIELD GRAVEL HANDICAP
(£4,770: 7f 100yd) (19)

1 0252 SANDMOOR DENIM 50 (CD,F,G) S Bowring 7-9-12 ... S Webster 10
2 2300 BIRCHWOOD SUN 23 (B,F,G,S) M Dods 4-9-10 V Halliday (7) 3
3 1212 JOHNNIE THE JOKER 26 (B,D,F,G) J Leigh 3-9-9 ... C Hodgson (3) 19
4 3615 ASHDREN 14 (D,G,S) A Harrison 7-9-8 ... J Stack (5) 18
5 0500 OBSIDIAN GREY 13 (D,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 7-9-7 ... P McCabe (5) 14
6 6300 ALPINE SKIER 22 (D,S) Mrs M Reveley 3-9-6 S Parkin (7) 16
7 0040 GYMCRAK TYCOON 41 (CD,F,G,S) G Holmes 5-9-5 ... Ruth Coulter (7) 9
8 0000 PRIME MOVER 54 (B,D,G) D Chapman 6-9-3 M Keenbury (7) 6
9 00-0 NEWINGTON BUTTS 29 R Akehurst 4-9-3 ... C Rutter 4
10 0100 IT'S SO EASY 17 (D,G,S) M Johnston 3-9-0 ... M Roberts 7
11 6350 GLENFIELD GRETA 9 (CD,F,G) P Felgate 6-9-0 ... J Williams 12
12 0502 MY GODSON 12 (B,F,S) B Beasley 4-8-13 ... N Varley (5) 5
13 1348 SMART TEACHER 38 (C,BF,F) P Harris 4-8-13 ... Paul Eddery 1
14 1140 SEA-AYR 19 (CD,F) Mrs S Austin 4-8-13 ... R Havlin (7) 2
15 1302 KILNAMARTYRA GIRL 9 (B,D,F) J Parkes 4-8-12 ... M Deering (7) 11
16 0600 BALLAD DANCER 40 (D,F,G,S) Mrs P Barker 9-8-12 ... S Whitworth 15
17 4001 DREAM CARRIER 12 (D,F,G) T Barron 6-8-10 ... J Fortune 17
18 5000 SUDDEN SPIN 64 (V,G) Mrs V Aconley 4-8-9 ... M Wigham 8
19 0400 CORONA GOLD 20 (D,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-8 S Maloney 13
7-1 Ashdren, 8-1 Sandmoor Denim, Johnnie The Joker, It's So Easy, Dream Carrier, 10-1 Kilnamartyra Girl, 12-1 others.

3.45 WOODMANSEY APPRENTICE MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,260: 1m 1f 207yd) (19)

1 230- JIHAAD 44J J Norton 4-10-0 ... S Parkin (3) 13
2 /56- MATHAL 280J C Allen 5-9-7 ... C Hodgson 1
3 500- NEGD 164J (B) S Gollings 4-9-6 ... S Copp (5) 12
4 6200 CULRAIN 13 M Meagher 3-9-4 ... V Halliday (3) 4
5 -400 WILL CITY 37 Miss L Siddall 3-9-4 ... J Stack (3) 8
6 2222 CARLTON EXPRESS 19 (BF) J Eyre 4-9-2 ... N Varley 5
7 000 HEART TO HEART 38 M Tompkins 3-8-12 ... J Gotobed (5) 15
8 3440 LOSKAY-87 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-11 ... R Havlin (3) 17
9 -000 GLENVALLY 22 (V) B Murray 3-8-10 ... Martin Dwyer (5) 11
10 /F-0 STEAL A MARCH 12 M W Easterby 4-8-10 ... C Munday (3) 7
11 4650 ESKIMO NEL 77 J Spearing 3-8-8 ... A Eddery (7) 9
12 4000 SHIP'S TWINE 48 Mrs J Cecil 4-8-8 ... C Hawksley (3) 6
13 6505 OUR BESSIE 12 M Bell 3-8-9 ... G Faulkner (7) 18
14 -800 GREENACRES STAR 24 B McMahon 4-8-7 ... J Bramhill (5) 10
15 2669 STORM HEIGHTS 3 (B) M Brittain 3-8-4 ... K Rutter 3
16 2535 SAXON MAGIC 24 J Bennett 4-8-4 ... M Baird (3) 16
17 -0060 LOFTY DEED 27 (B) W Musson 4-8-4 ... Darren Moffatt 19
18 -430 GEMIKOSIX 41 B Beasley 4-8-3 ... P Roberts (3) 14
19 6006 PERHAPS 17 M Prescott 3-8-3 ... P McCabe 2
7-4 Carlton Express, 8-1 Ship's Twine, Loskay, Our Bessie, 10-1 Culrain, 12-1 Saxon Magic, 14-1 others.

4.15 SNOWY GRAY MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,746: 2m 35yd) (11)

1 04 ATOURS 9 D Elsworth 6-9-7 ... J Williams 3
2 5 CAPEWRAY 64 R Fisher 5-9-7 ... M Wigham 10
3 5030 MAWY 24 C Smith 4-9-7 ... K Rutter (3) 9
4 RAYLEO 141J Capt J Wilson 5-9-7 ... M Roberts 5
5 300 SEA BOOK 11 B J Candy 3-8-7 ... S Dawson 2
6 00- CHAPEL HAVEN 303 J Parkes 4-9-2 ... M Deering (7) 8
7 05 KIOMI 21 R Akehurst 4-9-2 ... C Rutter 7
8 95 CENTURY 16 J Gosden 3-8-6 ... A McGlone 6
9 95 LADY MARGUERRITE 43 W Jarvis 3-8-3 ... M Tebbutt 4
10 MARJIMEL J Eyre 3-8-3 ... J Fortune 1
11 4342 NOBLISSIMA 26 J Dunlop 3-8-3 ... Paul Eddery 11
7-4 Noblissima, 3-1 Atours, 7-1 Kiomi, 8-1 Lady Marguerrite, 10-1 others.

4.45 EBF WILLERBY MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,005: 7f 100yd) (14)

1 3443 ACHILL PRINCESS 12 W Kemp 8-11 ... P McCabe (5) 14
2 ALZEAM P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 ... R Havlin (7) 5
3 DANCING DESTINY J Fanshawe 8-11 ... J Fortune 12
4 0 EUPHYLLIA 36 Bob Jones 8-11 ... M Wigham 1
5 0 FLAME WAR 34 H Cecil 8-11 ... A McGlone 11
6 0 HIGH STANDARD 30 M Stoute 8-11 ... K Rutter (3) 3
7 040 IZENNA 20 C Brittain 8-11 ... M Roberts 13
8 00 KRISTAL'S PARADISE 20 J Dunlop 8-11 ... S Whitworth 10
9 0 LOOK DAGGERS 30 M Prescott 8-11 ... M Tebbutt 8
10 MAKRI Mrs J Cecil 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 7
11 NO EXCHANGE M W Easterby 8-11 ... S Maloney 2
12 SUMMERTOWN J Gosden 8-11 ... S Raymont 4
13 3605 VICTORIA'S SECRET 14 D Elsworth 8-11 ... J Williams 9
14 WYCHWOOD-PALACE H Collingridge 8-11 ... C Hawksley (5) 6
4-1 Summertown, 5-1 Dancing Destiny, 6-1 Alzeam, Flame War, 7-1 Izenna, 8-1 High Standard, Makri, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 15 winners from 42 runners, 35.7%; P Harris, 6 from 22, 27.3%; J Dunlop, 8 from 31, 25.8%; J Fanshawe, 7 from 30, 23.3%; M Bell, 7 from 30, 23.3%; M Stoute, 9 from 40, 22.5%.

JOCKEYS: M Roberts, 13 winners from 54 rides, 24.1%; A McGlone, 5 from 28, 17.9%; Darren Moffatt, 4 from 27, 14.8%; Paul Eddery, 6 from 42, 14.3%; M Tebbutt, 3 from 21, 14.3%. Only qualifiers.

☐ Pendil, one of the top chasers of the 1970s, was put down yesterday at the age of 29. Trained by Fred Winter, Pendil won 28 races, including two King George VI Chases. Pendil was unbeaten over fences before the 1973 Cheltenham Gold Cup, where he was beaten a short head by The Dikler.

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THUNDERER
2.00 So Amazing
2.35 Khamseh
3.10 HI NOD (nap)
3.40 Don't Worry Me
4.10 Antonia's Folly
4.40 Rosey Nosey
5.10 Bang In Trouble
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 Tortuga.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,540: 6f) (13 runners)

1 (7) 0 HOTSPUR STREET 20 (R Hodgson) M Johnston 8-8 ... J Weaver —
2 (11) 3330 KEMO SABO 19 (P Locke) Mrs J Ramsden 8-8 ... K Fallon 96
3 (1) YOUNG BENSON (M T Stokes) B McMahon 8-5 ... L Dettori —
4 (2) 306 CHADLEIGH LANE 24 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 8-4 ... A Garth (5) 84
5 (4) 540 HONG KONG DOLLAR 6 (Superpower Partnership) B Meehan 8-4 ... B Doyle 99
6 (10) 5 PENMAR 12 (G Liversidge) J Etherington 8-4 ... M Birch 74
7 (5) 000 THWAAB 10 (G Elliott) F Watson 8-4 ... N Connorton —
8 (8) 440 GRATE BRITISH 54 (Mrs M Ashby) E Weymes 8-2 ... K Darley 92
9 (6) 00 PRECIOUS TIMES 10 (M Johnson) M Meagher 8-2 ... A Culhane —
10 (3) 00 SUL FOSSO 31 (G Bernacchi) J Berry 8-2 ... J Carroll —
11 (13) 0 URSWICK 16 (J Partnership) J Berry 7-13 ... L Charnock —
12 (9) 600 LOCH MARINER 22 (G Grifin) W Barker 7-11 ... J Fanning —
13 (12) 444 SO AMAZING 16 (BF) (C Platts) Miss S Hall 7-11 ... Dale Gibson 89
BETTING: 5-2 Kemo Sabo, 4-1 So Amazing, 5-1 Grate British, 7-1 Chadleigh Lane, 10-1 others.
1993: ZANZARA 8-6 J Fortune (20-1) J Berry 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

KEMO SABO ¾l and neck 3rd of 7 to Bridge Of Fire in maiden at Hamilton (6f, firm) on penultimate start with SUL FOSSO (6lb better off) about 15½l 7th. YOUNG BENSON (foaled Feb 23, cost 7,000gns) Half-brother by Zalazl to I'm Your Lady, placed twice over 5f as a juvenile last season, dam nanocapper, multiple 5f winner from two to six years. CHADLEIGH LANE about 5¾l 6th of 17 to Santa Fan in maiden auction at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). HONG KONG DOLLAR 5¾l 4th of 12 to Sergeyev in maiden auction at Sandown (5f, good) on penultimate start. GRATE BRITISH best effort 7¾l 4th of 15 to Missel in maiden at Haydock (6f, good). SO AMAZING about 2¼l 4th of 11 to Total Stranger in maiden auction at Ripon (5f, good to firm) with URSWICK about 12¾l 10th.
Selection: KEMO SABO

2.35 EBF HALL FARM STUD MAIDEN STAKES
C4
(2-Y-O: £3,854: 7f) (13 runners)

1 (12) BOLSHOI (Mrs D Brown) J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll —
2 (2) 5 CELEBRATION CAKE 10 (Lightbody of Hamilton Ltd) Miss L Perratt 9-0 J Fanning 60
3 (6) FAIRFIELDS PRINCE (Mrs D Bainbridge) D Nicholls 9-0 ... L Charnock —
4 (13) LAST ROUNDUP (G Reed) C Thornton 9-0 ... Dean McKeown —
5 (2) 033 MAGICAL BLUES 17 (BF) (P Savill) R Hollinshead 9-0 ... K Darley 99
6 (8) MUDLARK (Duke of Sutherland) J Watts 9-0 ... M Hills —
7 (10) 0002 PENNINE WIND 12 (Town Moor Partnership) M Johnston 9-0 ... J Weaver 87
8 (7) SECKAR VALE (J Hanson) J Hanson 9-0 ... M Birch —
9 (9) 36 TINKLERS FOLLY 12 (R Manners) Denys Smith 9-0 ... K Fallon 73
10 (1) 0 TOBAGO BOY 10 (M Saunders) M Meagher 9-0 ... A Culhane —
11 (11) 54 COOLABA PRINCESS 13 (P Cosgrove) F Lee 8-9 ... R Lappin 81
12 (5) KHAMSEH (Shaikh Mohammed) J Watts 8-9 ... L Dettori —
13 (4) 04 RAISE A WARNING 16 (Mrs G Ward) Miss S Hall 8-9 ... N Connorton 84
BETTING: 5-2 Magical Blues, 7-2 Pennine Wind, 7-1 Bolshoi, 8-1 Raise A Warning, Mudlark, 10-1 others.
1993: JAZEEL 9-0 W Carson (6-5 fav) J Dunlop 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLSHOI (foaled Mar 27) Half-brother by Royal Academy to five winning sprinters, dam unraced. CELEBRATION CAKE about 10½l 5th of 15 to Red Devil in maiden at Hamilton (6f, good) with TOBAGO BOY about 10½l 11th. MAGICAL BLUES head and 1½l 3rd of 11 to Classic Cliche in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good) on penultimate start. PENNINE WIND 1½l 2nd of 10 to Strifolino in maiden at Thirsk (7f, good to firm). TINKLERS FOLLY 6½l 3rd of 16 to Chaldon Herring in seller at Thirsk (7f, good) on penultimate start. KHAMSEH (May 7) First foal by Thatching, dam useful 1m/1m 4f winner in Ireland at three years. RAISE A WARNING about 4¾l 4th of 9 to Mihriz in maiden at Ripon (6f, good to firm).
Selection: PENNINE WIND

3.10 SAM HALL RATED HANDICAP
C4
(£7,720: 7f) (5 runners)

1 (5) 44-21 TORTUGA 9 (D,G) (Hesmonds Stud) J Gosden 3-9-9 (3ex) ... L Dettori 91
2 (2) 244020 SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 26 (D,F,S) (A Collins) J Watts 6-9-7 ... N Connorton 92
3 (3) 240133 ABSOLUTE MAGIC 27 (D,BF,F,S) (Mrs B Bassett) W Haggas 4-9-6 ... M Hills 98
4 (4) 306060 HI NOD 5 (CD,F,G) (B Horton) M Camacho 4-9-4 ... L Charnock 99
5 (1) 23-1542 SHEPPARD'S CROSS 14 (D,S) (Mrs R Hennard) P Wallwyn 5-8-9 ... J Carroll 97
BETTING: 5-4 Tortuga, 7-2 Absolute Magic, 4-1 Sheppard's Cross, 6-1 Hi Nod, 7-1 Sagebrush Roller
1993: HI NOD 3-8-5 N Connorton (13-8 fav) M Camacho 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

TORTUGA beat Legendary Leap 3l in 3-runner maiden at Lingfield (7f, good). SAGEBRUSH ROLLER ½l 2nd of 7 to Dawwe in handicap over course and distance (good). ABSOLUTE MAGIC neck and 2l 3rd to Highborn in handicap at Chester (7f, good). HI NOD about 5¾l 6th to Hunters Of Brora in handicap at Ripon (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. SHEPPARD'S CROSS 2l 2nd to Neuner Nox in Salisbury handicap (7f, good).
Selection: TORTUGA

3.40 TIMEFORM HARRY ROSEBERY TROPHY
C4
(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £7,556: 5f) (7 runners)

1 (7) 225551 LAGO DI VARANO 5 (B,D,G,S) (N Jackson) J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 98
2 (3) 611405 SEIGNEURIAL 29 (D,G) (PBT Group) R Whitaker 9-0 ... A Culhane 85
3 (5) 310056 MONKEY ADEL 5 (D,F,S) (Monkey Racing Club Ltd) J Berry 8-11 Dean McKeown 87
4 (6) 1332 MUSICAL SEASON 17 (D,S) (P Savill) T Barron 8-11 ... K Darley 85
5 (5) 441045 THE HAPPY FOX 16 (V,D,G) (G Whitaker) B McMahon 8-11 ... J Weaver 88
6 (1) 221312 DON'T WORRY ME 15 (BF,D,F) (M Caverey) F Lee 8-9 ... M Hills 99
7 (4) 110656 POLLY PARTICULAR 15 (D,G,S) (J Fardon) C Fairhurst 8-9 ... L Dettori 86
BETTING: 6-4 Don't Worry Me, 11-4 Lago Di Varano, 4-1 Seigneurial, 7-1 Monkey Adel, 10-1 others.
1993: PALACEGATE JACK 9-3 J Carroll (7-1) J Berry 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

LAGO DI VARANO beat Spectator 2½l in 6-runner conditions race at Chepstow (5f, good to soft). MUSICAL SEASON 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Sumoquinn in nursery auction at Chepstow (5f, good). THE HAPPY FOX 4½l 3rd of 8 to Rach Aghaidh in listed race at York (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with SEIGNEURIAL neck 5th and MONKEY ADEL 5½l 6th. DON'T WORRY ME neck 2nd of 6 to Wavian in conditions race at York (5f, good to firm), with POLLY PARTICULAR 7¾l 6th.
Selection: DON'T WORRY ME (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
B Hills	19	46	41.3	M Hills	9	38	23.7
D Morley	4	12	33.3	K Darley	45	195	23.1
M Camacho	4	15	25.7	F Norton	3	14	21.4
J Gosden	6	28	21.4	J Weaver	11	65	16.9
Mrs J Ramsden	12	58	20.7	M Birch	12	81	14.2
T Barron	9	50	18.0	Dean McKeown	14	103	13.6

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

4.10 LADBROKE SPRINT HANDICAP
C4
(£6,070: 5f) (22 runners)

1 (9) 022010 GONDO 12 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs H O'Brien) E Alston 7-9-13 ... S Knott (7) 98
2 (16) 01-3100 LORD SKY 13 (B,D,F,S) (R Bailey) A Bailey 3-9-12 ... D Wright (5) 92
3 (5) 060000 GONE SAVAGE 106 (D,F,G,S) (C Roberts) W Musson 6-9-11 ... M Hills 98
4 (17) 068650 JIGSAW BOY 9 (V,D,F,S) (All Eight Club) P Murphy 5-9-9 ... M Birch 94
5 (7) 612635 LOCHON 33 (G) (Mrs A Harker) W Barker 3-9-5 ... Dean McKeown 91
6 (18) 061420 GREY TOPPA 6 (CD,F,G) (D Ford) Denys Smith 3-9-5 ... C Teague (7) 99
7 (20) 141000 COLWAY RAKE 12 (B,D,G,S) (R Coleman) J Watts 3-9-5 ... N Connorton 95
8 (21) 004301 VANESSA ROSE 13 (G) (G Mytton) A Bailey 3-9-0 ... F Norton 97
9 (15) 000460 RISTON LADY 6 (D,F,G) (Mrs G Spink) B Rothwell 4-8-13 ... L Charnock 97
10 (1) 364 RED FIVE 28 (J Barrett) D Moffatt 3-8-11 ... K Fallon 91
11 (2) 021320 NINEACRES 77 (D,BF,F) (J Gilbertson) D Nicholls 3-8-11 ... Alex Greaves 91
12 (5) 151510 BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY 14 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs J Hunt) S Bowring 4-8-10 S D Williams 98
13 (4) 655253 ANTONIA'S FOLLY (D) (Mrs C Deuters) J Berry 3-8-9 ... J Carroll 95
14 (14) 203160 ORIENTAL AIR (V,CD) (T Scothern) E Weymes 3-8-8 ... K Darley 93
15 (3) 000240 MURRAY'S MAZDA (C) (M Grubb) J Berry 5-8-8 ... J Carroll 96
16 (22) 483350 DIET (V,C,D) (Mrs M Clydesdale) Miss L Perratt 3-8-7 ... L Dettori 98
17 (19) 403106 CAFE SOLO (C) (J White) N Bycroft 3-8-4 ... N Kennedy 96
18 (10) 024005 STEADFAST ELITE (D) (J Clayton) J J O'Neill 3-8-1 ... P Fessey (7) 94
19 (13) 421200 LEADING PRINCESS (B,CD) (Mrs R Wylie) Miss L Perratt 3-8-0 ... J Fanning 88
20 (11) 000604 SCORED AGAIN (D) (The PBT Group) R Whitaker 4-8-0 ... Dale Gibson 87
21 (6) 022460 RICH GLOW (B) (M Bateson) N Bycroft 3-7-11 ... J Marshall (5) 96
22 (12) 0-44053 UPPANCE (Elite Business Partners Ltd) D Nolan 6-7-7 ... B Doyle 88
Long handicap: Uppance 6-13.
BETTING: 10-1 Gondo, 12-1 Lochon, Broadstairs Beauty, Antonia's Folly, 14-1 Gone Savage, Jigsaw Boy, Oriental Air, Murray's Mazda, Diet, 16-1 others.
1993: SIR JOEY 4-9-5 S Drowne (25-1) P Murphy 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

GONDO beat Macfarlane 1¾l in 13-runner handicap at Chester (5f, good) on penultimate start, with LORD SKY (7lb better off) 12¾l 12th. LOCHON about 2l 5th of 15 to Sky Music in a apprentice jockeys' handicap at Ripon (6f, good to firm), with CAFE SOLO 3l 9th and ORIENTAL AIR (1lb better off) 8l 14th. VANESSA ROSE beat Swinging Sixties head in 18-runner maiden handicap at Kempton (7f, good). RED FIVE best effort this season when 1¾l 3rd of 6 to Dzawe in maiden here (7f, good to soft). NINEACRES head 2nd of 10 to Tutu Sixtysix in handicap at Carlisle (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with ANTONIA'S FOLLY (9lb better off) 5¼l 6th. BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY beat Be Warned neck in 9-runner handicap at Yarmouth (7f, soft). CAFE SOLO best recent effort beat Craigie Boy 2½l in 6-runner handicap here (6f, good to soft) with DIET (6lb better off) 5¼l 5th and ORIENTAL AIR (7lb better off) 3l 6th.
Selection: GONDO

4.40 WESTERN MEETING SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,566: 5f) (12 runners)

1 (10) 615450 BENJARONG (D) (A Penman) M Johnston 8-11 ... J Weaver 83
2 (3) 353630 HANGING JUDGE (D Fish) J Berry 8-11 ... M Birch 85
3 (12) 00 INDIAN JOCKEY (Saeed Suhail) B Hanbury 8-11 ... M Hills 79
4 (5) 10 ROSEY NOSEY (D) (G Cooper) J Watts 8-11 ... N Connorton 97
5 (11) 141613 SUNDAY MAIL LASS (D,BF) J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll 99
6 (2) 0 DAVID JAMES' GIRL (BF) (D James Racing Services) A Bailey 8-6 ... K Darley 80
7 (8) 0 HIGH FOLLE (3rd Kingsley House 1994 Partnership) M Johnston 8-6 ... L Dettori —
8 (7) 30 LA VOYANTE (R McLean) Miss L Perratt 8-6 ... J Fanning 81
9 (6) 600 OUBECK PRINCESS (Mrs A Bekett) E Weymes 8-6 ... K Fallon 86
10 (1) 0 PEMLEY (D Buckley) R Whitaker 8-6 ... A Culhane —
11 (4) 30606 RITZIBELLE (Lady Parker) B Hills 8-6 ... Dean McKeown 88
12 (9) 040 SUNSHINE BELLE (J Lehman) G Moore 8-6 ... J Marshall (5) 77
BETTING: 3-1 Rosey Nosey, 4-1 Hanging Judge, Sunday Mail Lass, 5-1 Ritzibelle, 10-1 others.
1993: RESONANT 9-2 G Duffield (6-5 fav) M Prescott 9 ran

5.10 BOGSIDE CUP HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,475: 1m 7f) (16 runners)

1 (4) 462240 SECRET SERENADE (Glasgow House Racing) C Fairhurst 9-7 ... J Marshall (5) 95
2 (12) 5-0040 ASKERN (J Hanson) J Hanson 9-6 ... M Birch 96
3 (11) 621 RAINBOW MOUNTAIN (Hesmonds Stud) J Gosden 9-4 ... L Dettori 90
4 (16) 4-22001 ELFLAA (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 9-3 ... M Hills 94
5 (1) 24505 LEGAL FICTION (J Morrison) M Johnston 9-13 ... J Weaver 94
6 (6) 604-130 ALL IN THE MIND (G Reed) C Thornton 8-8 ... Dean McKeown 94
7 (3) 123231 CHRIS'S LAD (P Gorton) B Meehan 8-6 ... B Doyle 85
8 (7) 54-6242 BANG IN TROUBLE (R Milward) J J O'Neill 8-6 ... K Darley 90
9 (2) 00631 BANANA COVE (Sir Thomas Pilkington) Mrs J Cecil 8-5 ... J Carroll 94
10 (5) 614000 DYNAMIC DELUXE (D Morrison) Mrs J Ramsden 8-2 ... K Fallon 97
11 (9) 00014 ORANGE EXTREME (J Carrington) A Hide 7-12 ... Dale Gibson 88
12 (13) 0-04256 LOMOND MIST (B) (Mrs M Bird) R Whitaker 7-10 ... L Charnock 99
13 (15) 423200 DOCKMASTER (L Holliday) J Eather 7-8 ... D Wright (5) 97
14 (8) 362600 MANOLETE (B) (C Barber-Lomax) C W C Elsey 7-7 ... N Kennedy 93
15 (14) 043654 HEATHYARDS CRUSADE (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 7-7 ... J Fanning 93
16 (10) 00-0043 PLUM DENNIS (Mrs D Benjamin) N Bycroft 7-7 ... A Garth (5) 85
Long handicap: Manolete 7-5, Heathyards Crusade 7-4, Plum Dennis 6-11.
BETTING: 5-1 Rainbow Mountain, 11-2 Banana Cove, Dynamic Deluxe, 5-1 Elflaa, Bang In Trouble, 11-1 others.
1993: LAKE POOPO 8-11 K Darley (5-2) B Hills 5 ran

Absolute Magic to relish softer ground

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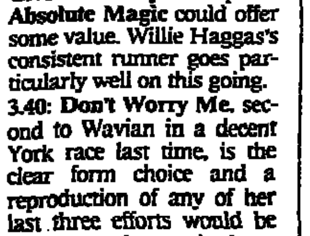
2.35: Magical Blues, a good third behind Henry Cecil and John Gosden-trained hotpots in a decent Newmarket race, possesses by far the best form of those that have raced and his owner, Peter Savill, loves to have a winner at this meeting. However, this does not look a particularly strong race and I have had a good word for Khamseh. Bill Watts is sending 11 runners to this meeting and the Thatching filly can make a winning debut with Frankie Dettori riding. Raise A Warning stayed on nicely last time at Ripon and she is the danger.

3.10: Tortuga won as he liked at Lingfield nine days ago but the time was nothing special and the El Gran Senor colt may not be suited by today's softer ground. Given his likely short price, Absolute Magic could offer some value. Willie Haggas's consistent runner goes particularly well on this going.

3.40: Don't Worry Me, second to Wavian in a decent York race last time, is the clear form choice and a reproduction of any of her last three efforts would be good enough to win here. However, Francis Lee's speedy filly has never run on ground as soft as this and she only just gets the minimum trip so she cannot carry maximum confidence. First time blinkers and a return to five furlongs suited Lago Di Varano at Chepstow last Saturday and he is the danger if the favourite's stamina gives way.

4.10: Broadstairs Beauty has a lot going for him. Wearing blinkers after two runs without them, he is well drawn, goes particularly well on softish ground and returns to his best trip. Cafe Solo showed her best form on soft ground here 40 days ago, but the main danger is Gondo, a course and distance winner, who should appreciate the drop in class.

Richard Evans



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

National Stud fails in bid to buy Barathea

THE National Stud has again been foiled in its quest for a top-class stallion (Julian Muscat writes). The stud's latest bid, this time for Barathea, has run aground in the face of a substantial offer from an alliance of Ireland's Rathbarry Stud and a southern hemisphere partner.

Failure to land Barathea means the National Stud has lost out on another significant stallion prospect. The Newmarket farm's efforts to buy Catrail were thwarted when its Irish counterpart secured the sprinter for a reputed £2 million, and last month, Ireland's Coolmore Stud — in conjunction with Woodlands Stud in Australia — outbid the stud's identical cash offer for Grand Lodge.

This latest reversal will disappoint the National Stud board, which is keen to add a high-profile horse to the interests it has acquired in First Trump and Mister Baileys. A further reversal looks assured when Shaikh Hamdan Al Maktoum announces the future of his Derby winner, Erhaab, who is expected to go to the shaikh's Nunnery Stud in Norfolk.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Sandown Park
Going: good to soft (soft in places)
2.15 (7f 16yd) 1, Wijara (R Perham, 40-1); 2, Chattaroy (5-4 fav); 3, River Keen (33-1). 13 ran. 1l, ¾l. R Hannon. Tote: £38.90; £6.80, £1.20, £4.50. DF: £137.80. CSF: £88.91.
2.50 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Knight Of Poland (L Dettori, 9-4); 2, Gold Linnet (9-1); 3, Leonova (5-4 fav). 7 ran. 2½l, 1¾l. J Gosden. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £4.00. DF: £12.20. CSF: £19.27.
3.20 (5f 6yd) 1, Don Alvaro (L Dettori, 4-1); 2, Our Darling Boy (11-2); 3, Harvest Reaper (9-2). Fairy Fay 7-2 fav. 14 ran. 1l, 2¾l. G Lewis. Tote: £5.10; £1.40, £1.90, £2.00. DF: £9.10. CSF: £27.30.
3.55 (1m 14yd) 1, Wilcuma (W Newnes, 2-1 fav); 2, Realize (11-2); 3, Harding (16-1). 11 ran. NR: Cameron Highland, High Typha, Samaban, Tryst. Sh hd, 4l. P Makin. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £2.30, £3.30. DF: £6.00. Trio: £32.60. CSF: £13.76. Tricast: £132.08.
4.25 (5f 6yd) 1, Princess Sadie (D Harrison, 20-1); 2, Astral Invader (10-1); 3, Legal Issue (3-1 jt fav). A Million To One 3-1 jt fav. 10 ran. NR: Flyrona. 3l, ½l. M Channon. Tote: £29.30; £3.60, £2.10, £1.20. DF: £172.40. Trio: £140.40. CSF: £184.71. Tricast: £705.49.
5.00 (7f 16yd) 1, Bagshot (J Reid, 5-1); 2, North Reef (7-1); 3, Rafter-J (33-1). Memory's Gold 11-4 fav. 11 ran. 1l, 2l. R Hannon. Tote: £5.10; £1.60, £2.90, £13.40. DF: £39.20. CSF: £39.16.
5.30 (1m 3f 91yd) 1, Alsaca (C Adamson, 3-1 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Without A Flag (16-1); 3, Nadra (10-1). 15 ran. 2½l, 7l. M Usher. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £3.30, £3.50. DF: £32.10. Trio: £289.60. CSF: £53.43. Tricast: £425.11.
Jackpot: not won (pool of £86,803.72 carried forward to Lingfield today).
Placepot: £298.30. Quadpot: £54.30.

Yarmouth
Going: good to firm
2.30 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Karon Beach (M Hills, 6-4 fav); 2, Garland Of Gold (16-1); 3, Overpower (11-4). 8 ran. NR: Tocco Jewel. 2½l, 7l. J Hills. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £2.30, £1.10. DF: £11.60. CSF: £21.25.
3.00 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Locorotondo (G Faulkner, 16-1); 2, Jazzah (5-1); 3, Watsham Whisper (14-1). Sadler's Walk 100-30 fav. 13 ran. NR: Sovereign Page. ½l, 1¾l. M Bell. Tote: £20.80; £4.10, £2.60, £2.40. DF: £153.50. Trio: £495.70. CSF: £92.11. Tricast: £1,075.04.
3.30 (6f 3yd) 1, Luana (M Roberts, 100-30); 2, Night Bell (6-1); 3, Hello Mister (11-4). Averti 6-4 fav. 5 ran. NR: Classic Sky. Nk, 10l. C Brittain. Tote: £4.90; £2.00, £2.60. DF: £13.80. CSF: £18.57.
4.00 (6f 3yd) 1, Miss Mercy (G Hind, 9-4 fav); 2, Dance King (4-1); 3, Glenzeta (5-2). 6 ran. 2½l, ½l. C Allen. Tote: £3.80; £1.80, £2.00. DF: £8.20. CSF: £10.86.
4.35 (7f 3yd) 1, East Barns (Martin Dwyer, 20-1); 2, Miss Ritz (7-2 fav); 3, Mr Cube (14-1). 10 ran. NR: Mazeeka, The Multiyorker. 4l, 2½l. S Gollings. Tote: £18.30; £3.20, £1.80, £3.60. DF: £52.00. Trio: £410.30. CSF: £78.10. Tricast: £869.92.
5.05 (7f 3yd) 1, Annus Mirabilis (R Cochrane, 2-1 fav); 2, Neuwest (6-1); 3, Talathath (8-1). 13 ran. NR: Friar's Oak, Okavango, Roderick Hudson. 3l, 3½l. M Stoute. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £3.00, £2.40. DF: £11.70. CSF: £13.18.
5.40 (1m 3yd) 1, Sharp Prospect (W R Swinburn, 6-1 jt fav); 2, High Low (10-1); 3, Braveboy (7-1). Sumaan 6-1 jt fav. 14 ran. NR: Grotto Pool. 2½l, ¾l. P Harris. Tote: £6.40; £2.20, £3.80, £2.20. DF: £112.50. Trio: £153.40. CSF: £62.03. Tricast: £369.49.
Placepot: £303.80. Quadpot: £50.70.

Beverley
Going: good
2.10 (7f 100yd) 1, Kings Vision (K Darley, 11-2); 2, Presto Boy (9-2 fav); 3, Euro Sceptic (14-1); 4, Gospel Song (8-1). 19 ran. 1¼l, 2l. R Johnson Houghton. Tote: £5.30; £1.80, £1.30, £6.00, £2.20. DF: £12.90. Trio: £131.80. CSF: £34.68. Tricast: £329.28.
2.40 (5f) 1, Musica (R Hughes, 4-1); 2, Massiah (13-8 fav); 3, Super Park (16-1). 18 ran. Hd, ¾l. M Channon. Tote: £5.10; £1.80, £1.20, £4.00. DF: £3.70. CSF: £11.07.
3.10 (1m 100yd) 1, Sailormaite (S Webster, 5-1 fav); 2, Calder King (8-1); 3, Tarda (11-1). 15 ran. 1¾l, 2½l. S Bowring. Tote: £6.00; £2.30, £2.00, £4.80. DF: £12.20. Trio: £179.50. CSF: £34.96. Tricast: £301.02.
3.40 (7f 100yd) 1, Even Top Us (K Darley, 9-4 fav); 2, Eden's Star (10-1); 3, Suitis (6-1). 12 ran. 2l, 8l. J Eyre. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £3.10, £2.70. DF: £39.80. CSF: £26.04.
4.10 (7f 100yd) 1, Clifton Fox (M Birch, 11-4); 2, Harry Welsh (12-1); 3, Executive Design (14-1). Sunday Sailing Evens fav. 11 ran. 1¾l, 1¼l. J Glover. Tote: £3.70; £1.60, £2.30, £2.10. DF: £20.30. CSF: £36.99.
4.40 (1m 3f 216yd) 1, First Bid (A Culhane, 6-1); 2, Un Parfum De Femme (8-1); 3, Dusty Point (5-1 fav). 15 ran. 2l, ¾l. R Whitaker. Tote: £6.50; £2.30, £2.40, £2.00. DF: £28.40. Trio: £92.80. CSF: £54.82. Tricast: £247.06.
5.10 (7f 100yd) 1, Tenodio (J Weaver, 4-1); 2, King Balant (9-2); 3, Royal Philosopher (20-1). Snowy Petrel 8-5 fav. 10 ran. 5l, 3½l. D Loder. Tote: £5.60; £1.40, £1.60, £2.90. DF: £17.90. CSF: £23.15.
5.40 (5f) 1, King Rambo (T Ives, 20-1); 2, Eagle Day (13-8 fav); 3, Michellisa (11-4). 15 ran. Nk, ½l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £25.10; £3.10, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £20.60. CSF: £51.83.
Placepot: £77.10. Quadpot: £84.20.

Exeter
Going: good
2.05 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Dakota Girl (B Clifford, 7-1); 2, Flawed Logic (Evens fav); 3, Poetic Fancy (13-2). 13 ran. 3l, 4l. G Balding. Tote: £7.80; £1.70, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £9.80. CSF: £14.79.
2.35 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Going Around (N Williamson, 7-1); 2, Master Toby (7-2); 3, Certain Angle (3-1). Lancaster Pryde 11-4 fav. 9 ran. 20l, 1l. K Bailey. Tote: £7.70; £1.90, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £8.60. CSF: £29.96.
3.05 (2m 3f ch) 1, Urban Cowboy (S McNeill, 8-1); 2, Moving Out (Evens fav); 3, Coasting (9-2). 11 ran. 5l, 20l. C James. Tote: £5.80; £1.40, £1.50, £1.20. DF: £7.10. CSF: £12.22.
3.35 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Beam Me Up Scotty (R Greene, 4-1); 2, Rhomen Fun (9-1); 3, Sally Of The Alley (9-2). El Nino 85-40 fav. 13 ran. 11l, ¾l. B Millman. Tote: £5.00; £1.70, £2.80, £1.60. DF: £27.00. CSF: £39.67.
4.05 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Congregation (R Dunwoody, 6-4 fav); 2, Starlap (8-1); 3, Wickfield Lad (7-2). 8 ran. 12l, 3l. R Rowe. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £4.00. CSF: £10.16.
4.35 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Sophism (Miss A Harwood, 5-2); 2, Aldington Chapple (3-1); 3, Faux Pavilion (6-4 fav). 7 ran. ¾l, 5l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.80; £2.20, £1.80. DF: £6.20. CSF: £10.21.
Placepot: £27.00. Quadpot: £5.20.

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Buoyant leaders given warning

Taylor sets goal of consistency for Wanderers

BY ALYSON RUDD

IT IS still early enough into the football season for records to be kept and dramatically broken. Some of the best news from a busy Endsleigh Insurance League programme on Tuesday evening was broadcast from Molineux, where Wolverhampton Wanderers extended their 100 per cent home record with an impressive victory over Southend United.

After seeing their team put five goals past their first-division rivals, the Wolverhampton supporters chanted: "There's only one Graham Taylor." This must have been music to the manager's ears after the criticism he suffered during his time in charge of England.

Taylor, however, was quick to point out that there is still a lot of work in store for him at Molineux. "We still need to put a mean streak into the players," he said. "We now have three away games, against Burnley, Chesterfield and Portsmouth, and we must show we can do the same to them.

"I was pleased the goals were shared around. Some people will say we had enough chances to reach double figures, but that just doesn't happen in matches. It was the biggest score since I took the job here, and those five goals could be important in the long run as goals scored are decisive in our division rather than goal difference."

It might seem a bit early for Taylor to consider end-of-season goal differences, but with only one club guaranteed promotion into the FA Carling Premiership it could well be this that proves crucial in a division with more than half a dozen teams that look capable of playing in the top flight.

One Taylor's gain, though, is another Taylor's loss. Peter Taylor, the manager of Southend, is under increasing pressure to improve his team's form. The defeat left Southend with just four points from seven games.

It was also a celebratory evening for Derby County, who secured their first win away from home against Bristol City with goals from Kitson and Carsley. Luton Town, however, are still unable to win at home. They lost 3-0 to Bolton Wanderers at Kenilworth Road.

Two second division clubs have still to win a point. For Bournemouth, that fact must be particularly depressing. On Tuesday they fought bravely against Leyton Orient at Brisbane Road and appeared to have done enough to earn a draw, but they were eventually beaten 3-2 as two penalties condemned them to defeat.

Warren Aspinall, the Bournemouth captain, raised his team's hopes when he met O'Driscoll's cross to head them into a 34th-minute lead. Glenn Cockerill equalised for Orient with a superb 44th-minute strike, and then Colin West gave Orient the lead from the penalty spot in the 67th minute. West restored their advantage with a second spot kick in the 85th minute after Chris Leadbitter had responded with Bournemouth's second goal.

Chester City, too, remain without a point after a less dramatic 2-0 home defeat against Cardiff City. The good news, for Bournemouth and Chester, is that something has to give this weekend, when the clubs meet at Dean Court.

In the third division, Doncaster Rovers finally met a team capable of breaching their defence. The first goals conceded this season by Doncaster were scored at Gigg Lane by Pugh and Paskin, of Bury.

The game of the evening in the third division was undoubtedly the match between Barnet and Rochdale at Underhill. Four of Barnet's goals in their 6-2 victory were scored by Douggie Freedman, 20, the former Scotland schoolboy international.

Ray Clemence, the Barnet manager, brought Freedman from Queens Park Rangers on a free transfer this summer. Freedman has responded with nine goals in nine games. Barnet are expecting bigger clubs to make inquiries about Freedman, but the young forward says he is happy to remain at Underhill for a couple of years.

Keegan refuses to look beyond second round

FROM PETER BALL IN ANTWERP

POST-MORTEM examinations after most first legs consider whether a side will progress to the next round. In Newcastle's case, after their vibrant 5-0 win in Antwerp on Tuesday evening, the main consideration is whom they will meet when they get there.

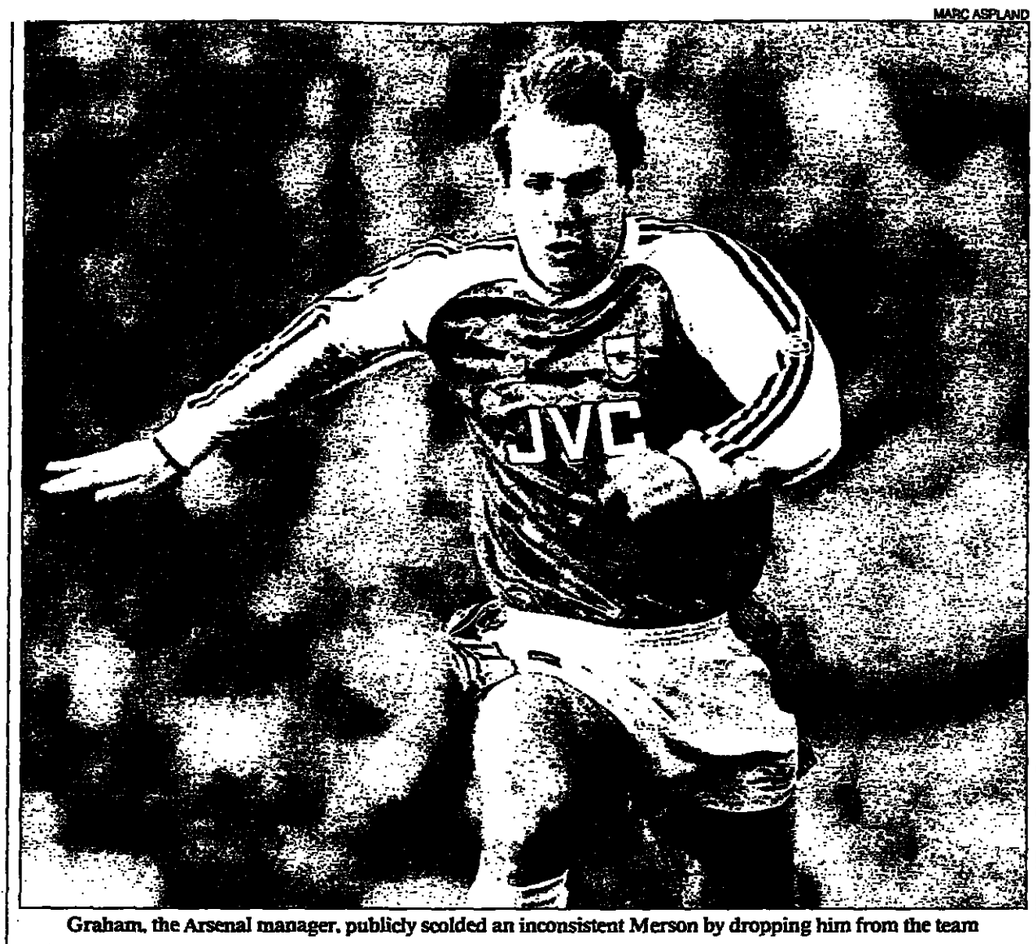
"Bring on Juventus, bring on Real Madrid," Sir John Hall, the club chairman, said. With Newcastle in such irresistible form, such matches would be mouth-watering occasions later in the competition, but the opportunities that Antwerp themselves created suggest that triumphalism could be dangerous.

Fortunately, there seems little danger of such complacency affecting Kevin Keegan or his team. Asked if the performance meant Newcastle could win the Uefa Cup, the manager would only say: "We certainly look like we are going to be in the second round."

On Tuesday's form, they should do considerably more than that. Lee, Fox and Venison stood out, but the whole side is playing with sheer joy at the moment. No wonder Peter Beardsley was so eager to be involved in his first match in a European club competition, even though wiser counsel might have advised waiting at least until after his final X-rays yesterday.

His importance to the team cannot be underestimated. "You want to play him because, if Peter is 65 per cent fit, he is better than most players 100 per cent fit," Keegan said. Beardsley had no doubt about the decision. "I didn't feel any discomfort at all," he said. "I wouldn't have played if I had done."

The subtlety and variety of Newcastle's attacking play is something that Blackburn lack, for all the power of Shearer and Sutton. They may need it for their second leg in Sweden after producing one of the shock results of the night, losing 1-0 at home to Trelleborgs. By contrast, Motherwell's 1-0 defeat in Dortmund was a satisfactory result for the Scots.


MARC ASPLAND

Graham, the Arsenal manager, publicly scolded an inconsistent Merson by dropping him from the team

Change beckons mercurial Merson

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN NICOSIA

PAUL Merson is one of football's great under-achievers. Talented, without doubt; inconsistent beyond belief, and, in his testimonial season at Highbury, there are few signs of him changing his ways. At 25, though, there is still time, and there could be no better place to start than here against Omonia Nicosia in Arsenal's awkward Cup Winners' Cup first-round, first-leg tie tonight.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, has clearly grown weary of never knowing what to expect from Merson, yet it no longer troubles him. "It is not really a case of getting frustrated," he said. "That's life. I managed many players like Paul in the past and I have handled them. You play them when they are doing well; you leave them out if they are not. Simple."

Graham substituted Merson in the 82nd minute of the 0-0 draw against Blackburn Rovers two weeks ago. He had promised much, produced little; on Saturday, he did not even make the substitutes' bench for the 0-0 draw at Norwich City. It is not the first time he has been publicly scolded by having his services withdrawn. Merson plays tonight only because Kevin Campbell is suspended, as are Tony Adams, the captain, and Ian Selley. He recognises the fact and shows a healthy regard for what is required to regain, and then retain, his place.

"I have been playing badly," he said. "Perhaps being left out is just the kick up the backside I have needed. It is quite usual for me to start a season slowly. This time last year I was travelling to away matches wondering if I was going to be in the team. Nothing changes. It didn't really surprise me to be dropped and I have just got to show again that I am good enough to stay in."

Merson dismissed reports that he had become embroiled in a private feud with Graham as "nonsense". He is also acutely aware that his name is barely mentioned in England dispatches. His 14 caps seem light years past.

"We are already well into the build-up towards the European championship finals and here I am, not even able to get into the Arsenal side," he said. "Something has got to be done and I've got to do it."

Omonia, 17 times Cypriot League champions and fourth last season, will offer Merson no easy passage on his return to favour. They beat Anorthosis 1-0 in the island's cup final. Their defeated opponents, who finished league runners-up, recorded an eye-catching 2-0 victory over Athletic Bilbao, of Spain, in the Uefa Cup on Tuesday. Cypriot football is on the up.

Arsenal, captained by Lee Dixon, will find the Makarios stadium hot, humid and hostile tonight, with Graham preaching patience as the essential virtue. He will not need reminding that no team has successfully defended the trophy. "The players know we cannot afford to be too casual," he said. "Thinking we just have to turn up to win would be very dangerous."

Maintaining relative calm on the terraces is vital, too. "Bill Shankly once said that you have to keep the opposing supporters quiet," Graham said. "If they are quiet, then you know that you are doing well."

Merson, more than most, will be keen to do the silencing.

ARSENAL (probable): Seaman; Dixon, Linighan, Keown, Winterburn; Parlour, Jensen, Schwarz, Merson; Smith, Wright.

Spectre of Hoddle hangs over European opponents

BY ALYSON RUDD

FOR Viktoria Zizkov, from Prague, Chelsea's opponents in the Cup Winners' Cup first-round, first-leg tie at Stamford Bridge tonight, the good news is that Chelsea will be forced to make team changes to satisfy restrictions on overseas players. The bad news is that this means Glenn Hoddle will probably play.

The player-manager's presence on the pitch will be invaluable. Chelsea are a relatively young, inexperienced side and tonight they will bear the weight of expectation after securing for the club its best league start in 30 years.

Hoddle might have preferred to stick with the line-up that has been so successful during the past month. However, as Scots count as foreigners in European competition, he has a problem to compound his dilemma over his Scandinavian central-defensive partnership. Hoddle will almost certainly stick with Dmitri Kharine, the Russian goalkeeper, and sacrifice either Erland Johnsen, the Norway international, or Jakob Kjeldbjerg, the Dane, in order to keep in John Spencer.

The Scottish forward has been a key figure in Chelsea's recent success. He works tirelessly off the ball and his diminutive frame troubles tall defenders — most notably Carlton Palmer when Chelsea beat Leeds United at Elland Road last month.

Chelsea supporters have been waiting for 23 years to relive the glory days of European triumph when their team beat Real Madrid to lift the trophy in Athens and register the club's greatest achievement in recent times.

As well as Hoddle, Chelsea could have another seasoned campaigner in their ranks. Graham Rix, who, at 36, has not played a competitive match for 18 months, may be named as a substitute because of injuries. Rix, the youth team manager, said: "If the manager needs me tonight, I am ready."

SPORTS LETTERS

Undue influence of penalty

From Mr Wayne Lochore

Sir, Because of the domination of the penalty kick, I spent a number of years in the 1980s deliberately not watching Auckland, who were probably the most successful New Zealand provincial rugby union side of all time.

In 1992 I shifted to England. What a surprise to find that the penalty kick has been elevated to an art form, such that it totally dominated three of the five opening round matches of the first division season.

If we remove Sale v Harlequins (three points from penalties out of 39) and Wasps v Gloucester (nine out of 53), we can see the real problem of why rugby union is so regularly boring to watch. In the other three matches, 72 of the 106 points came from penalties, and this is just the opening round of league matches, where presumably the stakes are not so high that the ball cannot be thrown around.

Roll on the international season where there is barely a single spot on the field out of range of the sharp-shooters form one side or other (and possibly both), and you have the problem of rugby in a nutshell. It has become so dominated by goalkicking that William Webb Ellis may as well have sat in the library and read a book.

I have already begun the same process here that I did in Auckland for ten years. Rather than go and watch a boring exhibition of goalkicking by Grant Fox, I would video the game and, on watching later, would fast forward through the preparation for goal-kicking, lineouts and scrums, and watch a game in an average 18 to 20 minutes.

Until the penalty kick (and the dropped goal) is made two points only, there will never be the incentive for a team with an accurate goalkicker to score tries. How often do you see a team spend ten minutes fighting its way towards the opponents' goalline only to retrace 20 metres and kick a three-point penalty?

If the try (and conversion) was worth 3½ times the value of the penalty then we might see some tries being scored. We might also see the ancient art of getting on top of a team in the last ten minutes because the weaker team would not be standing around for large parts of the game getting a breather.

I have tried this idea on many fans and the only objection is the professional foul close to the line. The answers here are also very clear. The professional foul that prevents scoring will result in a penalty try; the foul that does not prevent scoring will not relieve the pressure, and a worthwhile team will still score a try in the next few minutes.

The World Cup, with the penalty still being three points, is liable to be a major disappointment, whereas with the two-point score, the world would see what a wonderfully exciting sport it really is.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr C. R. H. Hadwin

Sir, Whilst one can accept that Christopher Irvine was not entertained as much as he would have liked by the rugby union game between West Hartlepool and Orrell (report, September 12), I must take him to task for his criticism of the referee.

Accepting that "it was a dreary, error-ridden affair", what would he have the referee do if he sees an error or transgression of the laws? Should the referee turn a blind eye? The players would soon take matters into their own hands, as was seen recently in South Africa. Players make the initial errors, and however much any referee sympathises with their intention to entertain, he cannot ignore the law.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER HADWIN,
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Fight against discrimination

From Mr David Herdson

Sir, The Sports (Discrimination) Bill, introduced by the Wakefield MP, David Hinchliffe, is due for its third reading in the forthcoming session of Parliament.

Apparently, Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), believes that if rugby union's power to discriminate against rugby league is removed by law, it will damage his sport. At least we now know that league is being discriminated against.

Mr Pugh is also reported to have called league clubs "essentially parasitic", claiming that they would offer modest sums to young players to turn professional in the knowledge that they could always return to union. Where is the harm in that? The way union behaves towards players who switch to league at the moment is disgraceful.

Mr Pugh's comments are not only iniquitous, they are misleading. The majority of league players come from the game itself. Rugby league is not just the two divisions of the championship; there is a youth league, seven Barla divisions, the JJB Sports Academy, plus the Alliance and Conference leagues.

No league club is going to waste time and money on run-of-the-mill union players, when it can tap its own resources. This is no reflection on union players: the two codes are played in a totally different way.

Cricket, football and tennis are all open. Amateur golfers are able to compete in tournaments alongside professionals for the honour of being leading amateur. Even athletics, once a bastion of amateurism, allows athletes to compete for money.

It sometimes seems that part of the rugby union hierarchy would like to see rugby league abolished, and they will do anything to achieve that aim.

Mr Pugh's admission that he has power to discriminate against rugby league is a most damning indictment of rugby union policy. As someone who has gained much enjoyment watching both codes, I find such a policy despicable and hope fair-minded rugby supporters will lobby their MPs.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HERDSON,
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Wider spread

From Mr Derek G. Casey

Sir, May I correct one element contained in the letter from Mr Anthony Swainson (September 8) in which he states that the Sports Council spends £1.5 million on testing the one sport of track and field athletics.

The Sports Council throughout the United Kingdom spend over £1 million each year on testing in all sports and on the provision of wide-ranging education programmes about the health dangers and ethical issues which arise from use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Naturally, we would prefer to spend such sums on developing sport at all levels, but reluctantly accept that drug-testing is and is likely to be a permanent feature of sport in the future.

Yours faithfully,
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THUNDERER

1.50 Fairy's Son. 2.20 Rising Dough. 2.50 Bitter N Twisted. 3.20 Proton. 3.50 Exhibit Air. 4.20 Pineapple Prince. 4.50 Palacegate Gold. 5.20 Cape Pigeon.

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DRAW: 5F-7F 140YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.50 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,580: 7f 140yd) (11 runners)

101 FAIRY'S SON M Stoute 9-0 — J Reid 10
102 00 FIRST BITE 16 J Dunlop 9-0 — R Hughes 1
103 6446 GUEST ALLIANCE 9 A Moore 9-0 — Candy Morris 6
104 LE BORDIER B Enright 9-0 — M Perrett 9
105 3 MENTOR 10 R Charlton 9-0 — T Quinn 8
106 YAVERLAND B McMahon 9-0 — C Dwyer 2
107 ZINE LANE W Haigh 9-0 — T Sprake 7
108 00 HI-AUD 14 J Akehurst 8-9 — G Duffield 3
109 4 LUDGATE 89 R Williams 8-9 — R Cochrane 11
110 0236 Q FACTOR 8 D Haydn Jones 8-9 — A Mackay 4
111 64 TAKESHI 19 A Scott 8-9 — J Tate (3) 5

3-1 Fairy's Son, 7-2 Takeshi, 5-1 Q Factor, 6-1 Zine Lane, Mentor, 8-1 Ludgate, First Bite, 12-1 Hi-Aud, 16-1 Yaverland, 25-1 others.

2.20 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,580: 7f 140yds) (10)

201 0 COLT O'OR 36 J White 9-0 — R Price 8
202 HAND WOVEN W Haggas 9-0 — T Quinn 2
203 0 KOMODO 85 D Elsworth 9-0 — D Harrison 7
204 PENDING I Balding 9-0 — S O'Gorman 10
205 POLYDAMAS M Stoute 9-0 — J Reid 9
206 00 QUILLING 29 J Dunlop 9-0 — T Williams 5
207 2032 RISING DOUGH 6 S L Moore 9-0 — R Price 3
208 03 STATE LAW 9 R Harwood 9-0 — A Clark 1
209 0 TRIBAL PEACE 21 B Meehan 9-0 — N Adams 5
210 00 GENTLE IRONY 12 P Makin 8-9 — R Cochrane 4

11-4 Polydamas, 7-2 Rising Dough, 5-1 State Law, 6-1 Pending, 8-1 Quilling, 10-1 Komodo, 12-1 Hand Woven, 16-1 Gentle Irony, 33-1 others.

2.50 BLATCHFORDS SOLICITORS SELLING STAKES (AW: 2-Y-O: £2,565: 1m) (12)

307 2040 DUNGEON DANCER 20 (V,F) M Channon 9-2 — R Hughes 10
302 6368 ABSOLUTE FOLLY 10 J Berry 8-11 — T Quinn 3
303 0505 GIEPY 7 (B) W Muir 8-11 — D Harrison 11
304 IRON M GOLD A Moore 8-11 — A Whelan (7) 1
305 0 MID-LIFE CRISIS 19 (B) W Muir 8-11 — T Williams 6
306 0059 MO'S MARK MAN 10 B Lewis 8-11 — Paul Eddery 8
307 0045 SORSKY 23 S Bobby 8-11 — N Adams 4
308 00 BITTER N TWISTED 12 (B) S Kettlewell 8-6 — G Duffield 5
309 04 FAIR ELLA 21 J Fitzi-Hayes 8-6 — R Cochrane 7
310 0505 IT'S A RELIEF 7 I Campbell 8-6 — A Mackay 9
311 0 LITTLE SCARLETT 12 P Makin 8-6 — A Mackay 6
312 400 PEDALTOTHEMETAL 19 P Mitchell 8-6 — A Clark 12

7-2 Dungeon Dancer, 9-2 It's A Relief, 11-2 Sigh, 8-1 Pedaltothemetal, Fair Ella, 10-1 Sorsky, Absolute Folly, 12-1 Bitter N Twisted, 20-1 others.

3.20 ALWEN HOUGH JOHNSON HANDICAP
(£4,435: 1m 2f) (14)

401 4142 KISSAIR 5 (C,D,F,S,B) G Lewis 3-9-10 — A Whelan (7) 13
402 5010 CALL THE GUARNOR 13 (C,F,S) P Cole 5-9-6 — T Quinn 14
403 0012 PROTON 20 (C,B) R Akehurst 4-9-5 — A Clark 1
404 -081 ACCESS ADVENTURER 13 (D,B) R Boss 3-8-4 — G Duffield 12
405 1530 RUPAR 16 (F) P Mitchell 3-9-0 — R Hughes 10
406 -402 SPRING SOPHIE 28 (F) J Fanshawe 4-9-0 — J Reid 2
407 0000 DRAGON BOLD 13 L Holt 3-8-5 — C Avery 8
408 0060 CHANSON D'AVRIL 19 C Cyzer 3-8-3 — A Mackay 9
409 8000 STEVIE'S WONDER 14 (C,F) T Mills 4-8-2 — T Williams 11
410 3558 SKY BURST 41 (B) L Cottrell 4-9-1 — M Caniffe 7
411 0/2- READY TO DRAW 580 (D,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 5-8-7 — D Harrison 5
412 40-0 WHISPERING LOCH 28 P Harris 3-7-13 — N Adams 3
413 0000 PAIR OF JACKS 16 (G) D Wilson 4-7-8 — S Lanigan (7) 4
414 0000 DAM CERTAIN 18 (C,F,G) R Ingram 5-7-7 — S Lanigan (7) 6

13-8 Proton, 7-2 Access Adventurer, 5-1 Kissair, 10-1 Dragon Bold, Call The Guarnor, 12-1 Sky Burst, Pair Of Jacks, 14-1 Ready To Draw, 20-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ayr: 5.40 The Happy Fox. 4.10 Colway Rake, Okeread Air, Bluewidge. 2.15 Arian Spirit, Court Jester, Zalzarancho. 3.45 Glanwally, Regal Lingfield Park: 2.50 Bitter N Twisted, Mid-Life Crisis. 4.20 Lorelei Rock, Quiet Mission. 5.20 Queen Of Shennon Yarmouth: 3.30 Provence, Well Beloved. 4.30 Touching Look. 5.00 Puck's Delight.

3.50 COURVOISIER NAPOLEON HANDICAP
(£3,865: 1m 6f) (9)

501 1231 ELEMENTARY 17 (F,B) N Waller 11-8-13 — R Cochrane 3
502 0460 BARRAAK 13 (D,F) W Haigh 4-8-4 — M Perrett 4
503 -030 MARADONNA 28 (S) C Dyer 5-8-1 — A Clark 5
504 5000 SHYNOON 64 (D,B) M Tompkins 4-8-0 — S Mahoney (5) 1
505 450- INCHCAILLOCH 397 (F,S) J King 5-8-12 — R Hughes 8
506 0411 EXHIBIT AIR 22 (B,C,F,S) R Akehurst 4-8-8 — T Quinn 6
507 1135 SHIFTING MIST 38 (BF,C,F,S) M Pimwell 3-8-7 — G Duffield 2
508 0308 GO KINGS BEST 17 (G,S) E L Moore 5-8-5 — B Rouse 7
509 2233 LEAN DANCER 38 (F) P Mitchell 3-8-4 — J Reid 9

7-4 Exhibit Air, 3-1 Maradonna, 6-1 Elementary, 7-1 Go Kings Best, 8-1 Shifting Mist, Lean Dancer, 10-1 Barraak, 12-1 Shynoon, 20-1 others.

4.20 WELLINGTON MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,106: 5f) (14)

601 0220 BOLD GEM 15 (B) B Meehan 3-10-0 — T Quinn 13
602 3260 PERFECT BRAVE 35 D Elsworth 3-9-11 — D Harrison 14
603 2232 PINEAPPLE PRINCE 20 (BF) R Hodges 4-9-8 — S Drowne (5) 10
604 -053 SECRET ASSIGNMENT 92 (H) C Dyer 4-8-7 — R Cochrane 8
605 050 QUIET MISSION 26 (V) J Eyre 3-8-8 — M McKeown 3
606 000- AUNTIE GINGER 478 P Bevan 4-8-12 — T Williams 1
607 4304 AVRIL ETOILE 29 L Holt 4-8-12 — J Reid 4
608 0425 HIGHLAND WARNING 17 (B) M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-10 — G Duffield 7
609 2000 ON THE WING AGAIN 16 M Campion 3-8-9 Kate Mason (7) 6
610 5005 BATON BLEU 110 P Howling 3-8-6 — A Clark 2
611 0650 OLYMPIA 41 J Spearing 4-9-1 — A Mackay 12
612 /-00 OPERELLE 12 Pat Mitchell 9-7-11 — N Adams 9
613 0000 SAI HUNG 17 D Wilson 3-7-9 — M Caniffe 5
614 0400 LORELEI ROCK 12 (V) J Bennett 3-7-7 — A Whelan (7) 10

7-2 Secret Assignment, 9-2 Pineapple Prince, 5-1 Highland Warning, 7-1 Avril Etoile, 8-1 Bold Gem, Auntie Ginger, Lorelei Rock, 12-1 others.

4.50 TRAVIS PERKINS HANDICAP
(£3,938: 7f) (16)

1 3301 MAKE THE BREAK 48 (D,F,S) G L Moore 3-9-10 D O'Neill (7) 5
2 0300 RARY STORY 50 (CD,F,S) R Akehurst 4-9-9 — T Quinn 13
3 6005 HASHAAT 17 (F,S) M Walker 6-9-8 — R Cochrane 11
4 0000 COMMON LAW 9 (S) M Channon 4-9-8 — R Hughes 12
5 0320 INSPIRATION POINT 13 H Candy 3-9-4 — J Reid 6
6 2050 BOLD NICK 5 (S) D Muzzy Smith 3-8-3 — J Tate (3) 1
7 1060 BELLEMINETTE 19 (F,S) D Haydn Jones 3-8-3 — A Mackay 14
8 4300 FLASHFEET 13 K Bishop 4-9-2 — N Adams 10
9 0-00 NIGHT IN A MILLION 108 Mrs J Cecil 3-9-1 — A Clark 8
10 0000 KERSEY-JO 17 (B,S) M Haynes 3-9-0 — G Duffield 2
11 6000 DUELLO 14 M Blanshard 3-8-12 — T Sprake 3
12 5505 PALACEGATE GOLD 3 (C,F,B,S) R Hodges 5-8-9 — S Drowne (5) 7
13 0000 GOVERNORS BELLE 13 P Makin 3-8-8 — B Rouse 9
14 6505 RACING TELEGRAPH 75 (B) J Pearce 4-8-8 — R Price 16
15 0620 DISPAST 16 (D,S) R O'Sullivan 4-8-6 — D Harrison 4
16 0350 GLEN MILLER 9 (D,F) J Payne 4-8-5 — R Perham 15

11-4 Palacegate Gold, 4-1 Make The Break, 5-1 Rarie-Jo, 8-1 Governors Belle, Bellaminette, 9-1 Common Law, 10-1 Inspiration Point, Flashfeet, 12-1 others.

5.20 COPYSPEED LIMITED STAKES
(£3,470: 7f 140yds) (16)

1 1408 DISTANT DYNASTY 12 (C,B,S) B Pearce 4-9-6 R Cochrane 13
2 2500 MOHTRAA 16 (C,G,S) P Mitchell 4-9-3 — S O'Gorman 6
3 1202 JOLTO 28 (D,G) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-3 — J Reid 4
4 4565 CAPE PIGEON 9 (CD,F,S) L Cottrell 9-9-0 — M Caniffe 16
5 0403 FAYNAZ 41J (D,F) A Moore 5-9-0 — A Whelan (7) 9
6 0500 GLOWING PATH 15J (F,S) R Hodges 4-9-0 — S Drowne (5) 15
7 30-0 LORD ELEMARA 21 (G) R O'Sullivan 6-9-0 — A Clark 3
8 36-0 STATE OF AFFAIRS 8 (F) C Horgan 7-9-0 — M Perrett 7
9 6100 MICHAELMAS PARK 18 (D,F) R Akehurst 3-8-13 — S Sanders (5) 14
10 6285 PANCHELLITA 17 (D,F,G) G L Moore 5-8-12 — B Rouse 8
11 2104 DIA GEORGY 29 (F) R Boss 3-8-10 — A Mackay 1
12 6024 GREEMSON 20 (F) P Cole 3-8-10 — T Quinn 5
13 0500 FABRIANA 16 (S) T Naughton 4-8-9 — D Harrison 2
14 240- QUEEN OF SHANNON 359 (B,D,G,S) M Wade 6-8-9 — G Duffield 11
15 6306 ST MARTHA 3 (B) M Tompkins 4-8-0 — S Mahoney (5) 12
16 0105 PHARSICAL 3 (D,F,B) M Channon 3-8-8 — R Hughes 10

4-1 Dia Georgy, 5-1 Cape Pigeon, 6-1 Greemson, John, 7-1 Michaelmas Park, Pharsical, 8-1 St Martha, 10-1 Panchellita, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Waller, 6 winners from 15 runners, 40.0%; R Charlton, 6 from 24, 25.0%; M Stoute, 13 from 57, 22.8%; M Pipecott, 29 from 132, 22.0%; L Cottrell, 9 from 42, 21.4%; Mrs J Cecil, 7 from 34, 20.6%.

JOCKEYS: T Quinn, 89 winners from 516 rides, 17.2%; G Duffield, 31 from 192, 16.1%; S Sanders, 3 from 20, 15.0%; R Cochrane, 30 from 211, 14.2%; J Reid, 23 from 162, 14.2%; S O'Gorman, 24 from 172, 13.9%.

UEFA CUP: First round, first leg: Royal Antwerp (Holl) D Newcastle 5; Blackburn 0 Trelleborgs (Swe).

OTHER TIES: Rapid Bucharest (Rom) 2 RSC Charleroi (Bel) 0; Boavista (Por) 2 MyPa (Fin) 1; Dinamo Tbilisi (Geo) 1 FC Tirol (Austria) 0; Rotor Volgograd (Russ) 3 Narodes (Fr) 2; Tekstilshchik Kamyshine (Russ) 6 Sphaeracobai (Hun) 1; CSKA Sofia (Bul) 3 Juventus (It) 2; Twente Enschede (Holl) 1 Kispest-Honved (Hun) 4; Anorthosis Famagusta (Cyp) 2 Athletic Bilbao (Sp) 0; Trabzonspor (Tur) 2 Dinamo Bucharest (Rom) 1; Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia) 1 FC Copenhagen (Den) 0; Dynamo Minsk (Russ) 0 Lazio (It) 0, Bordeaux (Fr) 3 Lillestrom 1 (Nor); Vitesse Arnhem (Holl) 1 Parma (It) 0; GKS Katowice (Pol) 0, Aris Salonika (Gr) 0, AIK Solna (Swe) 0 Slavia Prague (Cz) 0, Admira Wacker (Austria) 5 Gornik Zabrze (Pol) 2; Apollon (Cyp) 1 Sion (Switz) 3; Rosenborg (Nor) 1 Deportivo la Corune 0 (Sp); Real Madrid (Sp) 1 Sporting Lisbon (Por) 0; Olympiakos (Gr) 1 Olympique Marseilles (Fr) 2; Napoli (It) 2 Skonto Riga (Lat) 0; Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 5 PSV Eindhoven (Holl) 4; SC Aargau (Swit) 3 CS Maritimo (Por) 0; Sensing (Bel) 3 Dynamo Moscow (Russ) 4; Cannes (Fr) 4 Fenerbahca (Tur) 0.

CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, first leg: Maccabi Tel Aviv (Isr) 0 Werder Bremen (Ger) 0.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Barnsley 1 Notts County 1; Bristol City 0 Derby 2; Grimsby 4 Port Vale 1; Luton 0 Bolton 3; Oldham 0 Watford 2; Sheffield Utd 0 Sunderland 0; Wolves 5 Southend 0.

SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool 2 Brighton 2; Chester 0 Cardiff 2; Leyton Orient 3 Bournemouth 2; Oxford Utd 2 Crewe; Peterborough 2 Huddersfield 2; Plymouth 0 Cambridge Utd 0; Rotherham 1 Birmingham 1; Stockport 2 Shrewsbury 1; Swansea 0 Bristol Rovers 0; Wrexham 0 Bradford 1; Wycombe 1 Hull 2; York 2 Brentford 1.

THIRD DIVISION: Barnet 6 Rochdale 2; Bury 2 Doncaster 0; Carlisle 2 Mansfield 1; Chesterfield 2 Exeter 0; Colchester 3 Walsall 2; Darlington 1 Scunthorpe 3; Fulham 1 Scarborough 2; Gillingham 2 Preston 3; Hereford 1 Torquay 1; Lincoln 1 Wigan 0; Northampton 1 Hartlepool 1.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bromsgrove 4 Welling 1; Farnborough 2 Merthyr 1; Macclesfield 1 Kidderminster 3; Stafford 2 Kettering 3; Woking 2 Yeovil 2.

FA CUP: First qualifying round replays: Netherfield 0 South Shields 1; Belper Town 0 Atherton R 2; Chorley 2 Caernarfon Town 1; Eastwood Town 1 Glossop North End 1; Lancaster City 3 Ilkeston Town 1; Skelmersdale United 1 Frickley Athletic 4; Soldmere St Michaels 0 Atherstone United 1; Blakenhall 2 Armitage 0; Hinckley Athletic 2 Halesowen Harriers 1; Pershore Town 0 Bridgnorth 2; Telford United 4 Tamworth 1; Westfields 2 Redditch United 3; Gainsborough Trinity 8 West Midlands Police 0, Braintree Town 3 Bishop's Stortford 0; Gorleston 0 Heybridge Swifts 2; Felixstowe 2 Haverhill Rovers 0; Hayes 4 Leatherhead 1; Grays end & Northfleet 1 Hampton 0, Dorking 3 Uxbridge 1; Met Police 0 Croydon Athletic 1; Dover Athletic 3 Whyteleafe 0; Shoreham 2 Ramsgate 0; Bashley 3 Havant Town 1; Weston-Super-Mare 3 Taunton 2.

DIADORA LEAGUE CUP: First round replay: Hendon 2 Worthing 2 (Hendon won 3-1 on pens).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Knowsley 0 Accrington Stanley 0; Marine 1 Colwyn Bay 0.

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: First round, first leg: Barry Town 2 Inter Cardiff 4; Caersws 3 Ton Pentre 3; Flint Town 3 Conwy 3; Llansantffraid 2 Newtown 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold 1 Town 4 Glasshoughton Wel 5; Denaby Utd 1 North Ferriby Utd 5; Lincoln Utd 2 Sheffield 1; Ossett Albion 0 Ossett Town 1; Stocksbridge PS 1 Hucknall Town 1.

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Exhibitionist Agassi carries game to the people

Stuart Jones, tennis correspondent, sees past and present collide on the great US road show

There was no hype, no rock 'n' roll music, no dried ice. No superfluous extravagance was necessary, even for an American audience in the cavernous Knickerbocker arena in downtown Albany, the capital of New York State, on Tuesday night. The event required no more than simple introductions.

Fifty hours after lifting his first US Open trophy, Andre Agassi was back on court against John McEnroe, four times the champion. The present against the past, a star against a legend and, in a land where American football college games consistently attract audiences of six figures, only 7,551 spectators attended the exhibition.

McEnroe, as cerebral a commentator as any retired sportsperson, rejects the view that the game is dying. "These things go in cycles," he argued. "Four years ago they were asking what is wrong with American tennis. Until Jim Courier dropped down recently, we had five of the top ten."

Nevertheless, he appreciates that the game he once bestrode should be amended. In brief, he would slow down the serve and speed up everything else. Agassi, a friend whom he holds in the highest regard, is an exception to the rule. "He dismantles everybody's main weapon, their serve, and he took only one hour and 40 minutes to beat Todd Martin in four sets in the US Open semi-final. With him, you throw out the book but you can't ask one man to stand up for the whole sport.

"He has given it a shot in the arm. He was the best guy to have won the title, especially while the baseball strike was on. He turned more people on to tennis but it still needs rivalries, like Borg and I. Agassi will bring the best out of Pete Sampras, I guarantee you."

As he watched Karel Novacek and Jaime Yzaga exchange 150 unforced errors at a windswept Flushing Meadow, McEnroe was tempted to re-enter the championship he last won a decade ago. "I still think I could beat those guys," he said, before admitting: "Andre and Pete are on an entirely different level."

Agassi demonstrated as much in 1992, when he knocked out McEnroe in the semi-finals on his way to becoming the Wimbledon champion, and again indoors in Albany this week. In the same time it had taken him to defeat Michael Stich on Sunday, he won 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. The score was inconsequential. It looked suspiciously as though it might have been arranged beforehand in spite of the prediction uttered earlier by McEnroe: "We might be billed as the two bad boys of tennis but this is more like David and Goliath and I'm the one with the slingshot."

Nevertheless, the tennis was occasionally of sublime quality. The competitive instincts of McEnroe were still evident. Refreshing less pleasing memories, he argued playfully but extensively with a bashful and elderly umpire, unaware that Agassi, to the amusement of a crowd filling half the arena, had already agreed to a let. The banter was no less acute.

McEnroe, prowling and towelling down, sought momentary rest. At times, he needed it. As he lay prone at the conclusion of a particularly stupendous rally, his younger opponent vaulted the net and stood with arms aloft, on the discarded racket.

Amid the joculartity lay a serious regret. Here was tennis as it used to be, featuring a modern version of Borg. Two giants of the game were re-enacting an enchanting but now unfamiliar duel of skill rather than power.

Phoenix, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, and San Diego are the other cities Agassi is to visit on his tour, arranged three months ago before the United States had qualified for the Davis Cup semi-finals. The exhibitionist is perhaps better serving his country by taking the game to the people.

Tennis coaches accuse governing body over national squad demands

LTA scheme sparks 'blackmail' claims

John Goodbody on the dispute overshadowing Britain's continuing search for a champion

Britain's tennis authorities were yesterday accused of "blackmailing" young female players into joining a national squad training scheme run by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA).

A dispute has broken out over the preparation of the elite youngsters as British tennis continues its search for a successor to Virginia Wade, who in 1977 was the last home player to win a Wimbledon singles title.

Coaches and parents are incensed not only at the pressure being put on the youngsters, but also that the LTA, perhaps the richest national governing body in British sport, is demanding that those players, who are 20 by September 1995, must pay £1,000 in advance to join a squad to which they may not want to belong.

The deadline for applications is 10am tomorrow but already two leading players, Mandy Wainwright and Shirli Ann Siddall, are understood to have decided not to participate in the scheme, which will be launched on Monday at Queen's Club in London and will be based at five centres across the country.

In a circular signed by Janet Newberry, the manager of women's national training, and Ann Jones, the 1969 Wimbledon singles champion and women's international team captain, professional female players are warned that any financial support they receive from the LTA is dependent on them paying an annual fee to join an LTA national squad. Many players and their parents are worried that their careers will be jeopardised if they stay with their own coaches. They have declined to comment officially.

However, the coaches are less restrained. Alan Jones, who has helped such leading British players in recent years as Jo Durie, Jeremy Bates and Sarah Loosemore, said: "There is an element of blackmail in the proposals, particularly as the LTA is not supplying coaches who have produced many outstanding players. Does this make someone like me ... a bad tennis coach?

"The LTA ... has the right to put their funds where they wish. However, if I were one of the LTA coaches, I would not want to have a player who really does not want to come to me."

Shirley Brasher, the former Wightman Cup player who has been coaching two leading young British players, Lizzie Jelfs and Karen Cross, said: "I think it is horrifying what the LTA is trying to do. You need timing of decisions like these and now is not the right time with this group of players. The LTA may destroy a whole generation of young players."

> 'It may destroy a generation of players'

Under another clause in the agreement, players receiving financial support from the LTA have to pay back 25 per cent of their prize-money from all computer-ranking tournaments to the Women's National Training Department. Brasher accepted that the LTA had this right, but said it was "entirely wrong" that players should be asked to give £1,000 in advance. In some cases, she said, the players could not afford it. She found this demand particularly unsuitable given the flourishing state of the LTA's finances.

Last year, the profit from the Wimbledon championships for the LTA was £16.4 million. Over the last eight years, taxpayers' money has also been used, together with the profits from Wimbledon, to help the LTA with its massive programme of indoor facilities.

Brasher said: "Parents are very afraid that, if they speak out, they will prejudice the chances of their children."

In a written statement yesterday, the LTA said that "the majority" of 15 invited players "have or are in the process of accepting the offer". It added that the condition that female players should pay £1,000 before joining the squads also applied to the men's squads.

Newberry, who was appointed manager of women's national training in March, said: "Many of the best girls in this country have benefited from excellent one-to-one coaching, but they struggle when it comes to performing consistently in senior international tournaments.

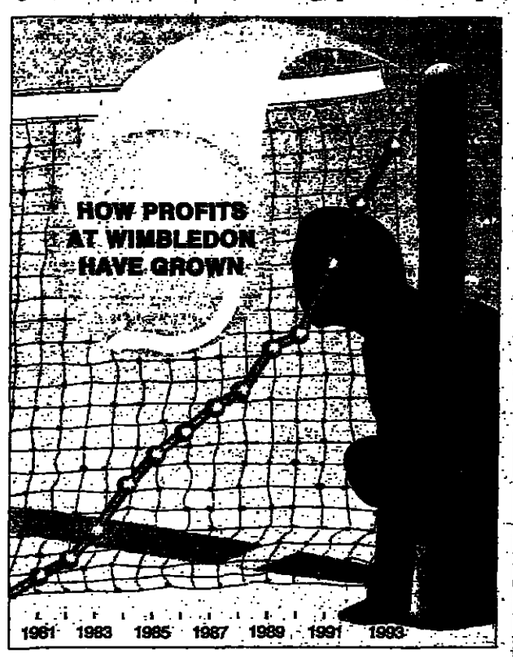
"I believe a squad system will help them mature as competitors and enable them to make the difficult transition from junior to senior tennis."

Richard Lewis, director of national training at the LTA, said: "Developing young talent is a painstaking business and we are very grateful for the commitment of coaches, who have worked with our most promising players.

"However, the time has come to use our resources in a more focused way to raise the standard of the women's game and create winners at senior international level."



Jelfs, one of Britain's best prospects, may be badly affected by the timing of the LTA training scheme, her coach believes. Photograph: Ian Stewart



In praise of a classic mystery

Classic Storylines: The Moonstone. *Radio 4, 8.30pm.*

A parade of crime writers, with P.D. James as their drum-majorette, tonight march in perfect time to worship at the shrine of Wilkie Collins and *The Moonstone*. Their chosen hymn of praise would have pleased T.S. Eliot who thought *The Moonstone* was "the first and greatest of English detective novels". Dickens, a close friend of Collins, might have asked to be excused from the big parade. He complained that its plot became "wearisome beyond endurance" — although when he came to write *Drood*, he was not averse to borrowing some good ideas from it. An opening montage in tonight's new look at *The Moonstone* suggests that Collins's Sergeant Cuff would not look out of place in the company of Sherlock Holmes, Miss Marple or Philip Marlowe, but whether as their progenitor or their equal is not clear.

21st-Century Blues. *Radio 4, 11.00pm.*

Nothing, absolutely nothing, is impossible in the fantastic world according to Steve Walker. I wouldn't argue with the verdict which others have passed on his baroque radio comedies, such as the Mickey Mookey series and *The Pope's Brother*, that they represent the most imaginative use of radio since The Goons. I don't think his new series, starting tonight, shows Walker in top form. But his projection of a century in which golf is prohibited, children are named after fish, and reproduction is achieved through cloning, should bring out the best in him in the weeks ahead. Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud with The Lunchtime Show, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier, including at 3.45 The Adventures of Superman 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Kennedy-NYC: Radio 1's first magazine show from the United States is hosted by Kennedy, the 21-year-old VJ for MTV 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00-4.00am Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan incl at 9.15 Pause for Thought with the Rev Frank Topping 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 Paul Heiney 7.00 The News Huddlines: a new series of the record-breaking show with Roy Hudd, June Whitfield and Chris Emmett 7.30 Wally Whyton 9.00 Paul Jones 10.00 Cajun Routes 10.30 The Jamaisons 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride, incl at 1.30 Pause for Thought 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester, incl at 3.30 Pause for Thought

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview. 8.35 The Magazine, including at 9.40 Film Review; 10.35 Europe News; 11.15 Gut Reaction 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck with Liz Barclay 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 the day's sport in full 7.35 The Thursday Match: the first-round matches of the European Cup Winners' Cup 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am Night Moves 2.00-6.00 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Frühmagazin 5.00 News 5.05 News in German 6.03 Morgenmagazin 6.27 News in German 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 The World Today 7.30 The Fateful Mandate 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Network UK 9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 Good Books 9.30 John Peel 10.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 From Our Own Correspondent 10.30 The Farming World 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 The Fateful Mandate 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin Noon News 12.30pm Raffles 1.00 News 1.10 Words of Faith 1.15 Multitrack: X-Press 1.45 Sport 2.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf 3.45 The Learning World 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 4.33 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 6.00 News 6.05 World Business Report 6.15 The World Today 6.30 News and Features in German 8.00 News 8.05 Outlook 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Meridian 10.00 News 11.05 Business Report 11.15 Network UK 11.45 Sport Midnight News 12.30am Game, Set and Match 1.00 News 1.15 Music Review 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 On the Move 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 News 3.30 Raffles 4.00 News

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Travel Guide 8.00 Evening Concert: English SO under William Boughton 10.00 Jane Markham 1.00am Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 N.J. Williams 2.00-6.00am Paul Coyte

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: The Jewish Woman 8.55 Weather 9.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Capel Bond (Concerto No 6 in B flat); Pierné (Impromptu-caprice, Op 9); Respighi (Brazilian Impressions); Ravel (Trois Chansons); Liszt (Transcendental Study No 5, Feux follets); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in D, BWV 1050)

9.00 **Composer of the Week:** Chabrier (Marche des cipayes; La bien-aimée; Bergère et chasseur; Improvisation; Pastorales des cochons roses; Mélancolie; Larghetto for horn and orchestra; L'Invitation au voyage; Souvenirs de Munich; Overture, Gwendoline)

10.00 **Musical Encounters,** presented by Piers Burton-Page. Holst (Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda, Third Group); Vivaldi (Sonata in C); *Artists of the Week*: BBC Singers, R.J.S. Stevens (Blow, blow thou winter wind; Ye spotted snakes); George Crumb (Vox Balaenae); Bruch (String Quartet No 1 in C minor, Op 9); Schumann (ABEGG Variations, Op 1); R.J.S. Stephens (It was a lover and her lass; The cloud-capped towers); Ives (Symphony No 3, The Camp Meeting)

12.00 **Ensemble** (r)

1.00pm **Alexander Baltus:** Andrew Lyle introduces a performance from this year's London Handel Festival of Handel's three-act oratorio, to a libretto by Thomas Morell

4.00 **Peter Hill,** piano, plays Haydn (Sonata in E); Debussy (Estampes, Pagodes; La Soirée dans Grenade; Jardins sous les pluie, Estampes); Douglas Young (River, Dreamlandscapes Book II); Messiaen (Le Traquet Stapazin, Catalogue d'oiseaux) (r)

5.00 **The Music Machine**

5.15 **In Tune:** Tchaikovsky (Waltz, Eugene Onegin Act 2); Elgar (The Wand of Youth, Suite No 2); Gottschalk (La Jota Aragonesa)

7.30 **Beethoven at Edinburgh:** The third of six concerts from this year's International Festival. Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Charles Mackerras performs Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in B flat; Symphony No 7 in A)

8.55 **New Irelands:** Robin McAuley with the last in a series of four discussions about contemporary Ireland

9.15 **The King's Singers:** Petrassi (Nonsense); Willaert (Vecchie Letrose); Lassus (I-lort zu sin neu's Gedicht); Takemitsu (Handmade Proverbs); Wilson (To a lady seen from the train; Gibberish); Ligeti (Nonsense Madrigals); Clare (Alice in Wonderland); Traditional (L'habitant de Saint-Barbe; Mein kleiner grüner Kaktus); Rimsky-Korsakov (Flight of the Bumble Bee) (r)

10.15 **The Guitar in Jazz** (r)

10.45 **Consuming Passions** (r)

11.30-12.30am **Voices:** Iain Burnside, piano, performs a selection of Richard Strauss's songs sung by two of Britain's leading Strauss singers, Janice Watson, soprano, and Sally Burgess, mezzo

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, Incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today: incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought for the Day 7.55 Weather 8.40 J.B. Priestley Season: English Journey (2/6) 8.58 Weather

9.00 **News** 9.05 **Face the Facts,** with John Waite (r)

9.30 **Opinion:** A new series begins with the Rastafarian writer and musician Patrick Augustus arguing against the legalisation of drugs

10.00-10.30 **News; The Water Gypsies** (FM only), by A.P. Herbert (3/6)

10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)

10.15 **Paradise Lost** (LW only): Continuing John Milton's epic

10.30 **Woman's Hour:** Includes a report on the legacy of *couturière* Coco Chanel

11.30 **From Our Own Correspondent**

12.00 **News; You and Yours,** with Tasneem Siddiqi

12.25 **Slightly Foxed:** Gill Pyrah hosts the literary panel game

12.55 Weather

1.00 **The World at One,** with Nick Clarke

1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 **News; Little Muspratt,** by Caroline Bennett, adapted from Penelope Mortimer's novel, *The Handyman*. With Mary Wimbush and Jill Balcon

3.00 **Anderson Country,** with Gerry Anderson

4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope:** Paul Allen reviews Brendan Behan's play, *The Hostage*, at the Barbican Theatre, and talks to Lynda La Plante about her new thriller, *Cold Shoulder*

4.45 **Short Story:** Our Genius, by Robert Cremins

5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 **Six O'Clock News**

6.30 **The Masterson Inheritance:** Improvised saga of a family at war with itself based on audience suggestions (r)

7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers**

7.20 **Document:** A new six-part series which uses documentary evidence to review past events. In this, Gerald Butt traces The BBC's record during the Suez crisis

8.00 **Entente Cordiale:** Defining Moment. Sir Charles Powell examines the relations between Britain and France

8.30 **Classic Storylines:** The Moonstone. See Choice

9.00 **Does He Take Sugar?** For listeners with disabilities

9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 **The World Tonight,** with Janet Cohen

10.45 **A Book at Bedtime:** Northanger Abbey. Miranda Richardson reads Jane Austen's novel

11.00 **21st-Century Blues:** The Golfing Chaffinch. See Choice

11.30 **The Shuttleworths:** The Pillock of the Community. Written and performed by Graham Fellows (r).

11.45 **Neither Here Nor There:** Amsterdam and Copenhagen. The fourth of five episodes from Bill Bryson's hilarious travelogue (r)

12.00-12.43am **News;** Incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW only).

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FOR THE RECORD

BOWLS

BROADSTAIRS: Open tournament (selected results): Men: Singles: Third round: R Clark bt R Newbold 21-9, D Vale bt J Clark 21-6, F Brett bt D Davey 21-15, A Brockwell bt H Brenchley 21-11, N Bishop bt C Topp 21-8, K Weyand bt J Parkyn 21-18; S Mason bt C Terry 21-20, F Gentry bt B Gilham 21-11; C Kiddy bt C Tingey 21-11; C Tingey bt P Durrant 21-8, G Tandle bt N Wright 21-5, C Wells bt R Martin 21-17, L Oliver bt R Cook 21-17, D Briscoe bt A Dennett 21-11, B Meytum bt W Gilbert 21-10, E Cox bt S Talmai 21-3, A Mitchell bt K Freeman 15-6 (rem); D Crighton bt G Griffin 21-20 Fourth round: R Clark bt D Vale 21-16, A Brockwell bt F Brett 19-14 (time expired), F Dyson bt N Bishop 21-10, K Weyand bt G Rossiter 21-15, S Mason bt M Horne 21-5, C Kiddy bt F Gentry 21-5, C Tingey bt R Bridlecombe 21-0, G Tandle bt C Wells 21-16, D Briscoe bt L Oliver 21-7, B Meytum bt E Cox 21-20; A Mitchell bt D Crighton 21-13, P Wathen bt H Gold 21-16, L Morley bt D Francis 21-15; D Haines bt R Acott 21-16; B Jones w/o M Cullen scr; N Jackson bt D Botting 18-16 time expired. Women: Singles: Second round: I Grace w/o L Fowler scr; B Fordham bt M Baughan 21-3, J Wood bt I Gee 21-14; J Stern bt M Harn 21-5; R Coleman bt E Stebbings 21-7; H Gold bt A Rogers 21-13, P Wathen bt B Slaughter 21-9, D Francis bt D Brain 21-8, L Morley bt F Cuthbert 21-19; R Acott bt J Everest 21-3, D Haines bt E Gunning 21-7; M Cullen bt F Thomas 21-4, B Jones bt K Wood 21-14, N Jackson bt J Flood 21-14, D Botting bt P Struse 21-18.

WELLINGBOROUGH: Senatogen National Over-55 championships: Quarter-finals: Men: Singles: C Lees (Woburn Sands) bt P A Line (Alverley) 21-16, W Soden (Wood Lawns) bt A Baker (Stratton Churchways) 21-15, P Duffell (Kimberly-Clark) bt T Moss (Larkstore) 21-7, T James (Thrapston) bt R Robertson (Spencer Forest Pines) 21-10 Women's singles: M Shuttleworth (Pomegland) bt J Foster (Nafferton) 21-20, L Hawkins (Wexford on Avon) w/o W Smith (City of Ely) scr. M Dyer (Clevedon Promenade) bt M Kemp (Alverley) 21-18, B Laver (Gerrards Cross) bt J Clarke (Guildford) 21-16 Pairs: B Arnold and D Griffin (St Peter's Municipal) bt R Chilcott and G North (Marlow) 24-16; F McIntosh (Ecco, Hants) bt G Crisp and J Acres (Royal Household, Windsor) 24-15; T Gibson and R Pickering (Hare and Otter) bt S Dawes and R Moore (Torbay Country Club) 23-19, G Borch and A Leach (Bolton) bt P Haynes and P Presswell (Ladygate) 27-17 Women: Pairs: J Chislin and B Keller (Burn Keech, York) bt A Morton and F Hamer (Bolton) 19-15, J Freeman and K Porter (Belgrave and Burstall) bt G Rodnell and J Armstrong (Feversham and Suffolk) 21-12, K Merritt and E Maddox (Ledbury) bt J Moore and W Barnard (Brixham) 21-20; L Gibbs and P Walker (Hotwarrior) bt M Carmichael and J Bayliss (Wokingham, 25-14

PRESTWICK: One-day international (indoors): Men: Section A: R McCulloch (Scot) bt R Sutherland (Scot) 15-6, H Dutt (Scot) bt A Thomson (Eng) 15-5, Sutherland bt Thomson 15-6, Dutt bt McCulloch 15-10; Sutherland bt Dutt 15-9, Thomson bt McCulloch 15-12. Section B: D Gourlay Jr (Scot) bt A Marshall (Scot) 15-10, T Allcock (Eng) bt W Richards (Eng) 15-7, Marshall drew Allcock 13-13, Gourlay bt Richards 15-1, Marshall bt Richards 15-4, Allcock bt Gourlay 15-10. Third place play-off: Gourlay bt Sutherland 15-7. Final: Allcock bt Dutt 21-17. Women: Semi-finals: J Reid (Scot) bt M Johnston (Ire) 12-10, J Dawes (Wales) S Gourlay (Scot) 13-9. Third place play-off: Johnston bt Gourlay 15-5. Final: Reid bt Dawes 19-14

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Ilford: Nottinghamshire 309 dec (R A Pick 98) Essex 127-2 (D D J Robinson 96); New Eltham: Kent 300-4 dec (M Fleming 117, N Llong 107) and 120-4, Northamptonshire 300-5 dec (T Harrison 78, R Montgomerie 61, D Sales 62). Match drawn. Oval: Surrey 279 (M Lynch 129; R J Green 5-64) and 28-1, Lancashire 253-7 dec (R Green 80 not out). Match drawn. Uxbridge (RAF Vine Lane): Derbyshire 315-6 dec (N E Cassar 62 not out) and 33-0 Middlesex 396 (R L Johnson 81, J C Pooley 76, K P Dutch 64, R Rao 50) Match drawn Hove: Sussex 276 (I K Newell 64, G Keedy 4-62, L Weekes 4-91) and 33-1 dec; Yorkshire 66-3 dec and 228-9 Match drawn Bristol: Somerset 120 (A Smith 5-24) and 36-1; Gloucestershire 210 (R Cunliffe 53) Match drawn

CYCLING

TOUR OF CATALONIA: Final stage (Around San Feliu 15.6-m time-trial) 1, A Garmendia (Sp), Banesto, 19min 29sec; 2, O Rodriguez (Port), Amach, 19-35; 3, J Montoya (Sp), Banesto, 19-42; 4, J Bruyneel (Bel), Once, same time; 5, C Chappucci (It), Carrera, 19.43; 6, E Breukink (Holl), Once, 19.44; 7, J Ura (Sp), Castellblanch, 19.49; 8, A Olano (Sp), Mapei Clas, same time, 9, F Escarin (Sp), Mapei Clas, 19:54; 10, S Bassi (It), Mercatone, 19:58 Final standings: 1, C Chappucci (It), Carrera, 25hr 22min 31sec; 2, F Escaran (Sp), Mapei Clas, 25.22-52; 3, P Delgado (Sp), Banesto, 25.23.01; 4, W Bell (It), Lampre, 25.23.35; 5, A Sanchez (Sp), Amach, 25.23-41; 6, A Olano (Sp), Mapei Clas, 25.24.00, 7, J Bruyneel (Bel), Once, 25.24.08; 8, E Breukink (Holl), Once, 25.24.34; 9, M Donati (It), Mercatone, 25.24-53; 10, D Clavero (Sp), Amach, 25.24.56.

FOOTBALL

RIO DE JANEIRO: South American Supercup: First leg: Flamengo (Bra) 0 Estudiantes (Arg) 0.

ROWING

INDIANAPOLIS: World championship: Men: Coxed pairs (first to final): Heat 1: New Zealand 7min 28sec, 5, Great Britain 8:12 (to repechage). Heat 2: Italy 7:36 Double sculls (first to semi final): Heat 1: Hungary 7:00. Heat 2: Norway 6:55 Heat 3: Australia 7.07. Heat 4: Germany 6.55. No British entry. Quad sculls (first to final): Heat 1: Italy 6:06. Heat 2: Germany 6.09. No British entry. Eights (first final): Heat 1: Holland 5:52; 3, Great Britain 5:57 (to repechage) Heat 2: United States 5.51. Lightweight pairs (three to semi-final): Heat 1: Germany 7.05; France 7:07; Canada 7.11. Heat 2: United States 7:01; South Africa 7.01; Great Britain 7.01. Heat 3: Spain 7:00; Australia 7.04; Denmark 7.04. Lightweight sculls (first three to semi-final): Heat 1: Greece 7:21; Slovakia 7:23; Denmark 7:25. Heat 2: Holland 7:12; Australia 7.15; Czech Republic 7:17. Heat 3: Canada 7.16, United States 7.18, Switzerland 7.18. Lightweight coxless fours (first two to final): Heat 1: France 6:13, Canada 6:13; 3, Great Britain 6:16 (to B final). Coxed fours (first two to final): Heat 1: United States 6.20; France 6.27; Heat 2: Germany 6.23; Australia 6.24; 4, Great Britain 6.32 (to B final). Coxless pairs (first three to semi-final): Croatia 6.54; Lithuania 6.56; Norway 7.02 (Great Britain already qualified for final) Coxless fours: (first three to semi-final): Germany 6.10; Canada 6.12, Russia 6.14. (Great Britain already qualified for final). Sculls (first two to semi-final): Heat 1: Denmark 7.07; Portugal 7.08. Heat 2: Canada 7.06; Hungary 7.09. Heat 3: Austria 7.04, Holland 7.08 Heat 4: Switzerland 7.08; United States 7.10. Women: Double sculls (first to final): Heat 1: Germany 7.43. Heat 2: New Zealand 7.31. No British entry. Quad sculls (first to final) Heat 1: Ukraine 7.02. Heat 2: China 6.50. No British entry. Lightweight sculls (first two to final). Heat 1: Canada 7.55; Australia 8.03; 4, Great Britain 8.11 (to B final). Heat 2: Italy 8.00; Switzerland 8.04 Coxless pairs (first two to final). Heat 1: Germany 7.37; Australia 7.40. Heat 2: Great Britain 7.34; United States 7.37. Coxless fours (first two to final) Heat 1: United States 6.53; Germany 6.56 Heat 2: Australia 6.51, Bulgaria 6.53 Sculls (first three to semi-finals): Sweden 7.54; China 7.56, Great Britain 7.59.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Abertawe 39 Glamorgan Wnds 12; Bobw Vale 17 Aberafan 25; Mountain Ash 11 South Wales Police 44; Pontypool 39 Penarth 10; Abercarn 14 Bridgend 59; Usk 14 Cross Keys 39.

SCHOOLS: Colchester RGS 13 Felsted 9.

SQUASH

BARCELONA: Men's tournament: First round: R Norman (NZ) bt P Johnson (Eng) 15-12, 15-13, 11-15, 15-1; S Parke (Eng) bt D Harris (Eng) 17-15, 15-10, 14-15, 15-13; P Whitlock (Eng) bt C Wagnick (SA) 15-8, 15-12, 15-13; C Walker (Eng) bt Austin Adarraga (Sp) 15-3, 15-7, 15-9; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt C Rowland (Aus) 15-7, 15-6, 15-9; R Eyles (Aus) bt S Meads (Eng) 15-11, 15-10, 6-15, 15-13, A Hill (Aus) bt M Cairns (Eng) 15-10, 15-9, 15-9.

TENNIS

BUCHAREST: Men's tournament: First round: D Adams (Aus) bt J Burillo (Sp) 6-3, 6-2; M Wilander (Swe) bt D Nargiso (It) 6-4, 6-3; D Adams (Aus) bt J Burillo (Sp) 6-3, 6-2; G Forget (Fr) bt R Agenor (Hait) 6-3, 6-1. Second round: M Rosset (Switz) bt G Bastle (Fr) 6-1, 6-2.

BOGOTÁ: Men's tournament: First round: J Butori (Ce) bt C Costa (Sp) 1-6, 7-6, 6-3; A Mancisidor (Sp) bt Ja Yzaga (Peru) 6-2, 7-6, 6-4; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt N Marguas (Por) 6-4, 3-6, 7-5; M Hadad (Col) bt J Giraz (Arg) 6-3, 6-3, F Montana (US) bt E Alvarez (Sp) 6-4, 7-5; D Nestor (Can) bt R Jabali (Br) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; N Pereira (Ven) bt J Cunha-Silva (Por) 6-2, 7-6, M Tobon (Col) bt L Morejon (Ec) 7-6, 1-6, 6-1; F Mailigan (Br) bt J L Noriega (Peru) 6-7, 6-3, 7-5; C Miniussi (Arg) bt J Oncins (Br) 6-0, 5-7, 6-1; K Novacek (Cz) bt P Arnold (Arg) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

EASTBOURNE: LTA Summer Satellite tournament (GB unless stated): Men: First round: N Gould bt C Wall 6-3, 6-4; S Cowan bt N Weil 6-4, 6-0; A Foster bt G Saffery 6-0, 6-3; T Spinks bt P Wright 6-0, 3-0 ret; A Von Hugo (Ger) bt M Lee 6-3, 6-2; T Hand bt D Ward 7-6, 6-4; R Matheson bt M Pennonen (Swe) 7-5, 6-2. S Le Blanc (Can) bt J Davidson 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; J Delgado bt J Fox 6-7, 6-4, 6-4. Second round: Gould bt Cowan 7-6, 6-4; Foster bt Spinks 6-3, 6-3; A Richardson bt Hand 6-2, 6-4; Le Blanc bt Delgado 7-6, 6-2, Von Hugo bt J Hunter 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, C Bescher bt H Capell (Ger) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; Matheson bt R Ruppenthal (Ger) 6-3, 7-6, G Henderson bt M Wyeth 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

YACHTING

SAN DIEGO: Star world championship: Race 3: 1, J.L. Doreste and J Hermida (Sp), 2, H Wallen and B Lohse (Swe); 3, T Glasl and M Farrade (Br); 4, J Kostecki and T Olsen (US); 5, M Reynolds and H Haenel (US); 6, P D'Alì and C Castaldini (It); 7, R MacDonald and E Jesperson (Can); 8, P Bromby and C White (Berm); 9, K Miller and J Carmody (US), 10, J Londrigan and P Trinter (US) Standings: 1, MacDonald and Jesperson 12pts; 2, Kostecki and Olsen 14; 3, Wallen and Lohse 17; 4, A Adler and R Mahrdes (Br) 35.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket*

Cup Winners' Cup
First round, first leg
* Chelsea v Viktoria Zizkov (7.45) .....
Dundee Utd v Tatran Presov .....
Omonia Nicosia v Arsenal (6.0) .....
Sligo Rovers v Club Brugge .....

Uefa Cup
First round, first leg
Internazionale v Aston Villa .....

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Leeds v Sunderland (7.0), Rotherham v Tranmere (7.0); Sheffield Utd v Derby (7.0); Stoke v West Brom (7.0). Second division: Blackpool v Burnley (7.0), Grimsby v Sheffield (7.0); Middlesbrough v Preston (7.0), Oldham v Bradford (7.0).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: League Cup: Cheltenham v Birmingham

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
10.30, first day of four, 110 overs minimum
TAUNTON: Somerset v Derbyshire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Durham
HOVE: Sussex v Yorkshire
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Northamptonshire
OVAL: Surrey v Kent
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Glamorgan
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Leicestershire
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex

BASKETBALL

European championship for men's clubs
First round, second leg
Weert (Holl) (94) v Thames Valley Tigers (96) (8.0) .....

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Blenheim Audi International Horse Trials.
GOLF: Dunhill British Masters (at Woburn).
MOTOR RALLYING: Manx International.
SPEEDWAY: British League (7.30 unless stated): First division: Ipswich v King's Lynn. Second division: Middlesbrough v Long Eaton; Sheffield v Peterborough (7.45)

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It's not about winning, unless you lose

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

It would be a brave man who walked into a heaving Glasgow body-building gym and asked: "Got any steroids, Jimmy?" Very brave or very foolish. Malcolm Clark, the director of **Short Stories: Hard Men** (Channel 4), is clearly neither. His documentary, no doubt accurately reflecting the Mr Strathclyde competition it chronicled, was a drug-free zone.

The omission marred an otherwise splendid and well-made programme, the more so given the engaging frankness with which Brendan Collum, and the team preparing him for G-stringed glory, addressed other sensitive topics. But when someone as big as Jim Cairley, Brendan's coach and mentor and a recovering alcoholic, tells you why he turned to body building: "If I can lose my aggression in the gym, I don't need to fight", I expect that burning question about Clenbuterol probably does dry in the throat.

I'm sure the well-muscled members of the Body Works Gym in Coatbridge don't resort to illegal aids, but equally, I'm sure they know a few who do. It would have been interesting to hear their views on the subject. After all, we had already addressed homosexuality at one remove. Aye, reflected a member as he massaged fake tan into Brendan's vast shoulders, body building did attract some gays. "That's fine. That's up to them." There was a brief pause. "Mind you, just because I'm rubbing him with this, doesn'ae mean I'm one."

Like his coach, Brendan had turned to body-building because he was drinking too much. Stripped of its steelmaking industry, Coatbridge offered few opportunities for young people. "Most of the people I went to school with are out of work. Most of them have never worked." Now Brendan lives by the first rule of weight-training — no pain, no gain. "You have got to be in agony to get any results."

This agony starts with a body-builder's diet. While he was bulking up his weight, Brendan had been eating 18 raw eggs a day (never mind Clenbuterol, what about the cholesterol?). Now, with the big day approaching, he was down to 1,000 calories of tuna and potatoes a day, stripping the last vestiges of unwanted fat from a body that was approaching perfection — at least in the knowledgeable eyes of his supporters. "He's got a great mid-section. Good separation in the chest."

Whether it was Brendan's mid-section that let him down, we laymen will never know. He posed with the best of them, I thought. As for Brendan, he loved every second of his time in front of a packed and noisy crowd at the Townmead Community Centre. "Every time I moved an arm, they screamed. Every time I moved a leg, they screamed. I just wanted to show off more. I felt like a big peacock."

In Coatbridge, I suspect, it's not the taking part that counts, it's the winning. Brendan came second. Jim's face looked as desolate as the empty steel-mills which provided the documentary with its emotive opening and closing shots. A body stripped of fat, against a town stripped of industry. Even Brendan looked a bit emotional — but perhaps it was just his fake tan running.

Hard Men is my idea of good community television. Sadly *Video Diaries* is BBC 2's. *Video Nation* I can take — a quick two minutes of harmless, handheld eccentricity before Messrs Paxman and Snow take charge of the day's events. *Video Diaries*, one interminable hour of Camrecorded hell, I cannot.

All of which is rather shaming after **Mad, Bad or Sad**, which kicked off the new series last night. For Sharon, diagnosed as schizophrenic, had a moving story to tell. The product of a brief dalliance between the white mother she has never met and a black neighbour, Sharon took us on a guided tour of the foster homes, institutions and prisons that have made up much of her first 30 years. Now, however, things are looking up a little — she lives in a Manchester flat with "Mickey, my two cats and my voices". Mickey, her doting husband and fellow sufferer ("all us nutters stick together") deserves a medal for putting up with her, she said. By the end, no one would disagree.

The film captured Sharon's mood swings in painful detail. Too painful, I expect, for some. How many times can your average floating viewer watch someone reach for the on-off button on their Camcorder moaning "This film is doing my head in", without doing the same?

Sharon, it turned out, was a qualified supporter of the Government's Care in the Community initiative, describing it as the right policy for the wrong reason — money. "With the right back-up it could have worked." Much the same could be said for *Mad, Bad or Sad*.

Salvation, at least for viewers in the South East, came in a reprise of **Cabaret** (Carlton), Sam Mendes's production of the musical that until recently was packing 'em in at London's Donmar Warehouse. Televising a live stage production is a risky business — the artifice required to win over an audience is very different from that which is needed for the unforgiving camera. The school play factor is never more than one laboured nuance away.

But bar an understandable and probably unavoidable diminution in spectacle, *Cabaret* survived the experience well, with Alan Cumming's beguiling Emcee and Sara Kestelman's powerful Fraulein Schneider particularly memorable. "What use is sitting alone in your room?" sang Jane Horrocks as Sally Bowles. Plenty old chum, when the *Cabaret* comes to you.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast. Includes the first of a two-part report on Cuba's economy (62134)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (31380399)

9.05 The Flintstones (1218931) **9.30 Star Memories.** Su Pollard remembers (r) (38467)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8113283) **10.05 Home Thoughts from Abroad.** Paul Reizan examines the lifestyles of four Britons living in Berlin, Warsaw, Antwerp and Ireland (s) (5203486) **10.35 Model World** (r) (5380825)

11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6681863) **11.05 Charlie's Angels** (1406009) **11.55 For the Love of It.** A profile of a Cadillac enthusiast (r) (8016554)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1366776) **12.05pm Big Day Out in Lincolnshire** (s) (3570757) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (16330592)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (80979) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Teletext) (s) (53918573) **1.50 Turnabout.** Word power quiz (s) (89540221)

2.20 FILM: The First Travelling Saleslady (1956) starring Ginger Rogers, Barry Nelson, Clint Eastwood and Carol Channing. Comedy about a woman selling underwear in 1890s Texas. Directed by Arthur Lubin (9021370)

3.50 Secret Life of Toys (s) (3397196) **4.05 Bananaman** (r) (4719592) **4.10 The Bots Master** (s) (2445047) **4.35 Tricks 'n' Tracks** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7228450)

4.55 Newsround (9801863) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (4773283)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (977080)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (739)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (689)

7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (5757)

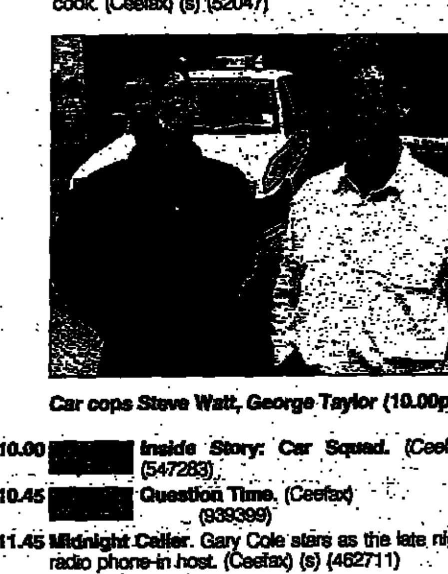
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (573)

8.00 999: Lifesavers. Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris with more stories of remarkable rescues. (Ceefax) (s) (4405)

8.30 Waiting for God. Comedy series set in a retirement home. (Ceefax) (s) (3912)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1912)

9.30 Chef! Comedy starring Lenny Henry as a tyrannical cook. (Ceefax) (s) (52047)



Car cops Steve Watt, George Taylor (10.00pm)

10.00 Inside Story: Car Squad. (Ceefax) (547283)

10.45 Question Time. (Ceefax) (939399)

11.45 Midnight Caller. Gary Cole stars as the late night radio phone-in host. (Ceefax) (s) (462711)

12.35am FILM: Jake Speed (1986) starring Wayne Crawford, John Hurt and Dennis Christopher. A paperback novel hero comes to life to save a woman kidnapped while on holiday in Paris. Directed by Andrew Lane. (Ceefax) (936626)

2.15 Weather (3067429). Ends at **2.20**

3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (r) (73956)

BBC2

6.20am Open University

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (5202329)

8.15 Pinocchio (r) (7561931) **8.40 Babar** (r) (3714660)

9.05 Living on the Land. A profile of Vernon Egerton, who has spent his life spreading the gospel in the Staffordshire Pennines (r) (1216573)

9.30 Great Mysteries. Henry Lincoln investigates the *prophecies of Nostradamus (r)* (36009)

10.00 Playdays (s) (5214592)

10.25 Golf. Live first round action of the Dunhill Masters from Woburn, Bucks, introduced by Steve Rider (s) (79438842)

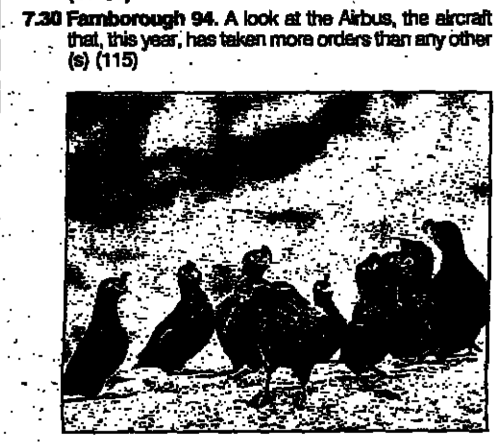
1.20pm Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams. Young children's entertainment (r) (s) (44853399)

1.35 Golf. Further live coverage of the Dunhill Masters from Woburn, Bucks. Includes **News** (Ceefax), and weather at **2.00, 3.00** and **3.50** (51107825)

5.30 A Cook's Tour of France II. Parisian cookery writer *Mireille Johnston begins her second series in the* Loire, the region known as the garden of France (r). *(Ceefax) (738)*

6.00 FILM: The Adventures of Hajji Baba (1954) starring John Derek and Elaine Stewart. Action-packed fantasy adventure directed by Don Weis (81757)

7.30 Farnborough 94. A look at the Airbus, the aircraft that, this year, has taken more orders than any other (s) (115)



A flock of crested auklets (8.00pm)

8.00 The Realms of the Russian Bear: Born of Fire. A wildlife history of the former Soviet Union presented by Nikolai Drozdov. This week, the Kamchatka region in the Far East is explored (r). (Ceefax) (s) (591047)

8.50 Wild Tracks. Ray Mears with advice on survival in the wild. (Ceefax) (s) (899844)

9.00 The Travel Show presented by Penny Junor. Adam Faith tours Cuba in a Cadillac and Paddy Haycocks takes a city break in Bologna (s) (9554)

9.30 The Great Pyramid: Gateway to the Stars. Emma Freud investigates claims that the layout of the Pyramids of Egypt mirror astronomical patterns (r). (Ceefax) (315739)

10.20 Richard Avedon. A *Late Show* profile of the celebrated photographer (r) (696370)

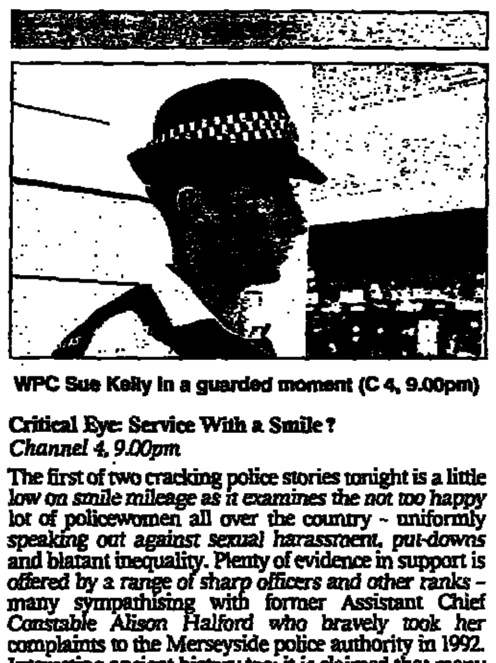
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (876467)

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (382738) **11.55 Weather** (112776)

12.00 Open View. Highlights of the weekend's Open University programmes (5421806)

12.05am Images of the Cosmos: Cosmology on Trial (r) (1923142). Ends at **12.35**

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WPC Sue Kelly in a guarded moment (C 4, 9.00pm)

Critical Eye: Service With a Smile?
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The first of two cracking police stories tonight is a little *low on smile mileage as it examines the not too happy* lot of policewomen all over the country – uniformly *speaking out against sexual harassment, put-downs* and blatant inequality. Plenty of evidence in support is *offered by a range of sharp officers and other ranks* – many sympathising with former Assistant Chief *Constable Alison Halford who bravely took her* complaints to the Merseyside police authority in 1992. *Interesting ancient history too: it is claimed that many* suffragettes pushed for women in the force (and joined *themselves) in an attempt to alleviate the bully boy* tactics policemen had so notoriously used against *women militants. But has anything really changed?* The Met refused to allow any women in its force to *participate in the film – even though they had* previously agreed – and so did the Merseyside force. *The same able body that Alison Halford took to an* equality tribunal. "I wanted to tackle controversial *issues but in a fair and complex manner,"* says director Rosalind Haber. "The gagging of their women officers *by the Met and Merseyside seems to reflect their fear* that things are not as they should be."

Inside Story: Car Squad
BBC1, 10.00pm

Half a million people in Britain lose their cars to thieves every year and in Newcastle there is a car taken every 20 minutes. The thieves tend to go for second-hand family bangers which they disguise with chassis markings and the like lifted from smashed-up vehicles. Their wretched victims are left without redress to insurance. Cameras join specialists in the Northumbria Police on "Operation Trace" which leaves a lot of shocked and miserable car owners in its wake but does, admittedly with some humour and tension, thwart a clutch of villainous ringers.

Wild Britain: Children of the Storm
Channel 4, 8.30pm

This consistently excellent series closes with one of Anglia Television's unbeatable forays into the world of seals and their pups. This lot – Atlantic greys – were filmed through the seasons round Ramsey Island off the west coast of Wales where inhospitable weather seems the norm. "What are they doing breeding in such rough seas and cruel rocky outcrops?" muses cameraman Chris Doncaster. "Did we drive them there?" But breed they do and the apparent heroism and selflessness of the mothers – and the pathos of their pups – makes for a heart-stopping film.

Question Time
BBC1, 10.45pm

And *still the old warhorses come charging back. Question Time* has had its share of problems and is *now under new management, so to speak* – producer Christopher Capron. With David Dimbleby again in *the chair, the series kicks off* in London and tonight's guests are Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for National Heritage and MP for Loughborough, Ian Hislop, the gnomish editor of *Private Eye*, Harriet Harman, shadow Treasury Secretary and MP for Peckham, and Anne-Marie Huby of Médecins Sans Frontières.

Elizabeth Cowley

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (8230592)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (1214115) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5291641)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (9528080)

10.35 This Morning (97678912) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1355660)

12.30 News *(Teletext) and weather (9410592)*

12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (9495283) **1.25 Home and Away** Australian family drama. (Teletext) (68937641) **1.55 Vanessa.** Vanessa Feltz examines women's issues (89534660)

2.25 A Country Practice (s) (20498931) **2.50 Gardeners' Diary.** Seasonal advice (2315047)

3.20 ITN News (Teletext) (9587202) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9586573)

3.30 The Riddlers (3311776) **3.40 Wizadora** (8362573) **3.50 Astro Farm** (r). (Teletext) (s) (3315592) **4.05 Taz-Mania** (r) (s) (4811912) **4.20 Garfield and Friends** (r) (2436399) **4.45 Bad Influence.** Computers and computer games magazine (s) (9828234)

5.10 After 5. *(Teletext) (4790950)*

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (503554)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' soapbox (950554)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (405)

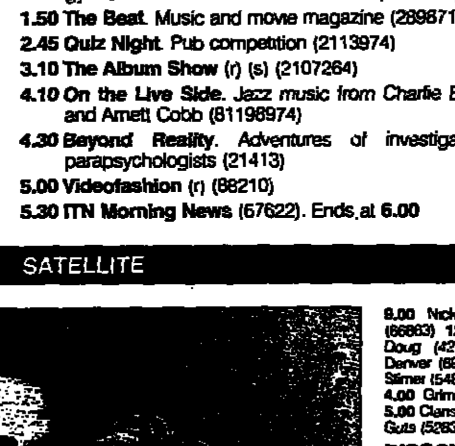
6.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (757)

7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (7775)

7.30 The Big Story. Dermot Murnaghan investigates yob culture(s) (641)

8.00 The Bill: Partners. DS Deakin has his own views on love, marriage and armed robbery. (Teletext) (9573)

8.30 European Football: Uefa Cup. *Highlights of the* first half and live coverage of the second of the *game in Italy between Inter Milan and Aston Villa* (59806)



Manchester firefighters on watch (9.30pm)

9.30 Blues and Twos: Green Watch. Real-life drama following the firemen of Manchester's Green Watch (47115)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (656405) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (364757)

10.40 Big City. London entertainments guide (639467)

11.10 Bodies of Evidence. American homicide squad dramas (769738)

12.05am Street Legal. Courtroom drama series *(1017429)*

1.00 Donahue. The guests are go-go dancers who discuss what is going through their minds as they gyrate in front of the male customers (9749806)

1.50 The Beat. Music and movie magazine (2898719)

2.45 Quiz Night. Pub competition (2113974)

3.10 The Album Show (r) (s) (2107264)

4.10 On the Live Side. *Jazz music from Charlie Byrd* and Arnett Cobb (81198974)

4.30 Beyond Reality. Adventures of investigative parapsychologists (21413)

5.00 Videofashion (r) (88210)

5.30 ITN Morning News (67622). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Little Dracula *(r) (5496009)*

7.00 The Big Breakfast (63202)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (11202)

9.30 Evening Shade Fontana goes into labour during a boxing match (s) (6100689)

9.55 FILM: We Are Not Alone (1939, *b/w) starring* Paul Muni, Jane Bryan and Flora Robson. Drama about *an English doctor who is accused of having an affair* with an Austrian governess and of murdering his *wife. Directed by Edmund Golding (69636592)*

12.00 Profiles of Nature: Bluebirds The story of the vociferous campaign to save the beautiful Eastern bluebird of North America (r) (48298)

12.30am Sesame Street The actress Susan Sarandon is today's guest (r) (64009) **1.30 Lift Off.** A mixture of live action, animation and puppets (r) (57592)

2.00 Decisions, Decisions. How different people react to a partner addicted to a dangerous sport (r). (Teletext) (20484738)

2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Ayr. The 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races (67150202)

4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts the words and *numbers game. Win up to £1,000 each day in* conjunction with *The Times*. (Teletext) (s) (554)

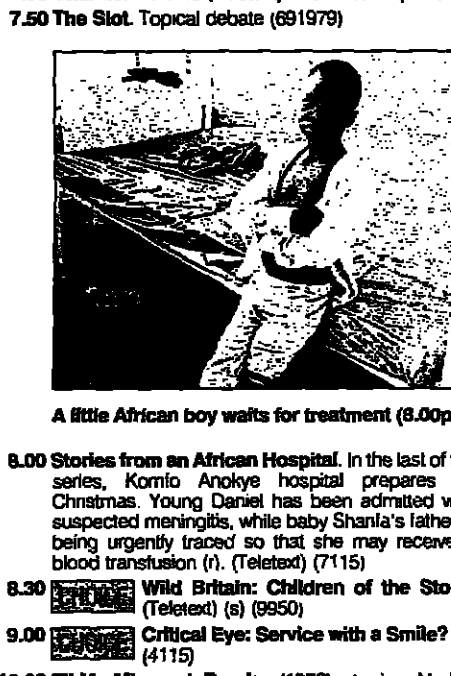
5.00 Kingdoms in Conflict: Extremadura — Spain's Forgotten Forest. A look at why the wolf and the imperial eagle continue to flourish in the cork oak forests of Extremadura, west of Madrid, when they have disappeared from the rest of Europe (r). (Teletext) (7738)

6.00 Home Improvement. Tim Allen as the host of a DIY television show (937)

6.30 Roseanne (r). (Teletext) (s) (399)

7.00 Channel 4 News *(Teletext) and weather (411931)*

7.50 The Slot. Topical debate (691979)



A little African boy waits for treatment (8.00pm)

8.00 Stories from an African Hospital. In the last of the series, Komfo Anokye hospital prepares for Christmas. Young Daniel has been admitted with suspected meningitis, while baby Shanla's father is being urgently traced so that she may receive a blood transfusion (r). (Teletext) (7115)

8.30 Wild Britain: Children of the Storm (Teletext) (s) (9950)

9.00 Critical Eye: Service with a Smile? (s) (4115)

10.00 FILM: Missouri Breaks (1976) starring Marlon *Brando as an eccentric bounty hunter on the trail of* a gang of rustlers led by Jack Nicholson. With *Randy Quaid, Kathleen Lloyd, Frederic Forrest and* Harry Dean Stanton. Directed by Arthur Penn *(Teletext) (60303979)*

12.20am The World of Hammer: The War. The treatment of warfare on the silver screen. Narrated by Oliver Reed (1005790)

12.50 The People's Parliament (r) (Teletext) (s) (6747103)

1.55 FILM: Chu Chin Chow (1934, b/w) starring George Robey, Fritz Kortner and Anna May Wong. Musical reworking of the story of Ali Baba and his 40 thieves. Directed by Walter Forde (299581). Ends at **3.45**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (5291641) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (1355660) **1.55** The Young Doctors (53913028) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (2315047) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (9586573) **5.10-5.40** *Shortland Street* (4790950) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (645641) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News and Weather (364757) **11.35** Phoenix (480221) **12.35am** Married with Children (2485158) **1.00** *Counterstrike* (26061) **2.00** Superstars of Wrestling (2070081) **2.40** America's Top Ten (3065081) **3.10** Dangerous Afternoon (8071897) **4.15** Jobfinder (81197245) **4.35-5.30** *Cue the Music* (1863081)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (5291641) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (1355660) **1.55** A Country Practice (53913028) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (2315047) **3.25-3.30** Central News (9586573) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4790950) **6.25** Central News and Weather (247592) **6.55-7.00** *Life Line* (443009) **10.30-10.40** Central News (364757) **11.35-1.00pm** Cover Girls (603863) **4.10am** Jobfinder (5449210) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2134351)

HTV WEST
As London except: 2.25 *Gardening Time* (20489283) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (5127080) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (9586573) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4790950) **5.55** Home and Away (906592) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (645641) **10.30-10.40** HTV West Headlines and Weather (364757) **11.35** *The West This Week* (980979) **12.05am** Married with Children (1002803) **12.30** The Hidden Room (2486887) **12.55** Counterstrike (4156988) **1.50** Superstars of Wrestling (6483351) **2.30** America's Top Ten (73413) **3.00** Dangerous Afternoon (99264) **4.00** Jobfinder (6502264) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (1863061)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 12.20pm-12.30 HTV News (1355660) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (9586573) **6.25-7.00** *Wales Tonight* (645641) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (641) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (364757) **11.35-12.05pm** The Big Story (980979)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (5291641) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1355660) **1.55** A Country Practice (53913028) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2315047) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (9586573) **5.10** Home and Away (4790950) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes — Crimestoppers (970318) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (405) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (757) **10.30-10.40** *Meridian News and Weather* (364757) **11.35-12.05pm** Coach (980979) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (88210)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (53913028) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (2315047) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4790950) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (685134) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (757) **11.35** Prisoner: *Cell Block H* (760592) **12.30am** 11th Victim (781803) **2.15** America's Top Ten (37644) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (87185) **3.15** The Last Five Minutes (5174697) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (9968448)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 2.25-3.25 The Sullivans (20489283) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (9586573) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4790950) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (35370) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (364757) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (760592) **12.30am** The Hidden Room (37177) **1.30** Superstars of Wrestling (3448790) **2.10** America's Top Ten (6761142) **2.35** Dangerous Afternoon (7341245) **3.40** Jobfinder (9298332) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (1863061)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (53913028) **2.50-3.20** *The Young Doctors* (2315047) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4790950) **5.55** Calendar (685134) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (757) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (760592) **12.30am** 11th Victim (781803) **2.15** America's Top Ten (37644) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (87185) **3.15** *The Last Five Minutes* (5174697) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (9968448)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (759573) **8.30** Lamb Chops (8210329) **9.10** Cartoons (5130370) **9.30** Card Sharks (2732979) **9.55** Concentration (2700370) **10.25** Dynamo duck (9044202) **10.30** Love at First Sight (51844) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (67301) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (42196) **12.30pm** E Street (78641) **1.00** Falcon Crest (71196) **2.00** Hart to Hart (65196) **3.00** Another World (1294134) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (5269202) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6028) **6.00** Gamesworld (5641) **6.30** Blockbusters (9221) **7.00** E Street (7757) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5405) **8.00** Rescue (32221) **9.00** LA Law (29757) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (22644) **11.00** David Letterman (664467) **11.45** Battlestar Galactica (560283) **12.45pm** Barney Miller (55413) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (52326)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (2554950) **9.30** Beyond 2000 (18405) **10.30** ABC Nightline (59486) **11.00** News/Business (67383) **1.30pm** CBS News (89405) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (10028) **3.30** ABC Nightline (4399) **4.00** News/Business (80370) **7.30** The Reporters (3047) **9.30** Talkback (94047) **11.30** CBS News (52912) **12.30am** ABC News (88871) **1.30** The Reporters (21987) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (77603) **3.30** Talkback (89448) **4.30** The Reporters (59158) **5.30** CBS News

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (9920963)
10.00 Safari 3000 (1982): Racing comedy with David Carradine (55929554)
11.40 Zorba The Greek (1964): Alan Bates befriends Anthony Quinn (31920047)
2.00pm Table for Five (1983): Jon Voight as a divorced father (62399739)
4.05 Lost in London (1985): An American boy gets lost (84069641)
5.50 The Man in the Moon (1991): Coming-of-age drama (51358115)
8.00 Confessions: Two Faces of Evil (1993): Two men both confess to the same murder. With James Earl Jones (38405)
10.00 Universal Soldier (1992): Futuristic action with Dolph Lundgren (183950)
11.45 Wild Orchid 2 (1991): A young girl *becomes a prostitute* (386370)
1.35am Prison Heat (1992): Four girls on holiday in Turkey are framed (6454784)
3.00 Condition: Critical (1992): A research hospital faces a killer epidemic (42719)
4.30-5.55 *Safari 3000*: As 10am (74413)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Man Who Never Was (1955): Second World War spy drama (11776)
8.00 Star Wars (1977): Luke Skywalker fights Darth Vader (16221)
10.00 An American Werewolf in London (1981): *Comic horror from John Landis* (82776). Ends at 12.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Goodbye, My Lady (1956): An orphan boy adopts a stray dog (19283)
8.00 Puss in Boots: As 4pm (45028)
9.00 Rob Roy: As 5pm (11912)
10.00 Dunderklumpen (1973): A fantastic mixture of action and animation (85399)
12.00 Three Warriors (1977): A boy struggles with two cultures (60841)
2.00pm O Pioneers! (1992): TV adaptation of Willa Cather's novel (11738)
4.00 Puss in Boots (1983): Cartoon (82738)
5.00 Rob Roy: *Animated adventure* (9738)
6.00 Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken (1991) Gabrielle Anwar joins a circus (24202)
8.00 A Few Good Men (1992): Courtroom drama starring Tom Cruise (88721486)
10.20 Jennifer 8 (1992): Cop Andy Garcia tracks a serial killer (52429912)
12.25am Uninhibited (1991): Erotic entertainment (541055)
2.05 Under Surveillance (1991): Robert Davi uncovers a medical scam (934159)
3.40 Zoot Suit (1981): Chicano musical, with Edward James Olmos (11945993)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (3949757) **7.15** WWF *Challenge* (143405) Soccer News (1188757) **8.30** Drag Racing (84405) **9.00** Extreme (55757) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (81660) **10.00** The Rugby Club (53863) **11.00** Get Your Handicap Down (42134) **11.30** Baseball '94 (43863) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (88221) **12.30pm** Baseball (95931) **2.30** Powerboat World (56844) **3.30** Baseball '94 (8757) **4.00** Watersports (33486) **5.00** WWF Wrestling (8196) **6.00** Soccer News (269680) **6.15** Straight from the Training Ground (934973) **6.30** World of Rugby (1221) **7.00** *British Touring Car Championships* (50641) **8.00** Embassy World Pool Championships (70405) **10.00** Soccer News (549963) **10.15** The Training Ground (544318) **10.30** Australian Rugby League (31047) **12.30-1.30am** *Motorsport* (62974)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (59047) **8.00** Equestrianism (81844) **9.00** *Synchronized Swimming* (67738) **10.00** Latin Dancing (49931) **11.00** Grand Prix Magazine (35467) **12.00** Swimming (21509) **1.00pm** Snooker (58467) **2.30** Live Cycling (11318) **4.30** Eurofun (57432) **5.30** Superbike (73009) **6.30** News (3869) **7.00** WWF Wrestling (52009) **8.00** Fight Sports (61757) **9.00** European Cup Winners' Cup (64844) **11.00** Boxing (49660) **12.00-12.30** Eurosport News (37429)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (6711467) **7.30** Neighbours (6723202) **8.00** Sons and *Daughters* (3959660) **8.30** *EastEnders* (3958931) **9.00** The Bill (3949283) **9.30** Wings (7756134) **10.30** Bergerac (98251863) **11.35** The Sullivans (90322318) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (3969047) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7880486) **1.00** EastEnders (8710738) **1.30** The Bill (7889757) **2.00** Robin's Nest (3409370) **2.30** *Three Up,* Two Down (6708950) **3.00** Knots Landing (2952467) **4.00** Dynasty (2964202) **5.00** Every Second Counts (6722115) **5.40** The Goodies (6477283) **5.55** Sykes (3138863) **6.30** *EastEnders* (6790531) **7.00** *The Two* Ronnies (3211080) **8.00** Three Up, Two Down (3429134) **8.30** Robin's Nest (3408641) **9.00** Minder (3240592) **10.00** The Bill (3960776) **10.30** Top of the Pops: The 1980s (2255991) **11.10** Rory Bremner (2974221) **11.55** Dr Who (3216863) **12.25am** FILM: Weekend of Shadows *(7813581)* **2.00** *Shopping at Night*

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkin III (4519009) **6.15** Teddy Ruxpin (189047) **6.45** Casper (188318) **7.15** Eek the Cat (178931) **7.45** Saved by the Bell (177202) **8.15** Head to Head (7369573) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (7781757) **8.50** Titou (1118660) **9.00** Droibee Time (97370) **10.00** Teddy Trucks (51582) **11.00** *Kitty Cats* (84134) **11.30** Barney (85663) **12.00** Ratkin III (84283) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (18738) **1.00** Saved by the Bell (42844) **1.30** Head to Head (58087196) **1.45** Super Mario Brothers (63045686) **2.00** Babar (8047) **2.30** Madeline (6318) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (5183738) ***3.15 Around the World*** (709950) **3.45** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (708221) **4.15** Head to Head (8891582) **4.30-5.00** Babysitters' Club (6554)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Grimmy (43486) **7.30** Rocko (7591711) ***7.45*** Rugrats (533844) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (1186399) **8.30** Stimer (62047) **9.00** Nick Jr (637047) **12.00** Pee-Wee (66863) **12.30pm** Muppets (90918) **1.00** Doug (42757) **1.30** Alvin (99689) **2.00** Denver (6979) **2.30** Smoggies (4554) **3.00** Stimer (5486) **3.30** Carmen Sandiego (6399) **4.00** Grimmy (8134) **4.30** Rugrats (4318) **5.00** Clarissa (1301) **5.30** Doug (8370) **6.00** Guts (5283) **6.30-7.00** Dracula

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (6797844) **4.30** The Arctic (6793028) **5.00** Around Whicker's World (3417399) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (7896047) **7.00** A Fork in the Road (3418028) **7.30** Earthfile (6794757) **8.00** Bush Tucker Man (3427776) **8.30** Pirates (3408283) **9.00** Secret Weapons (2968028) **9.30** Spirit of Survival (7891582) **10.00** On The Big Hill (3968318) **10.30** Terra X (3944738) **11.00-12.00** Fire on the Rim (6728757)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: What a Crazy World (1963) Musical (8337318) **2.00pm** thirtysomething (8318283) **3.00** My Three Sons (3413573) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (6705863) **4.00** FILM: Untamed Women (1952): Four bomber pilots on an island (6920912) **5.30** The Partridge Family (6704134) **6.00** The Green *Hornet* (6701047) **6.30** I Spy (1150283) **7.30** Car 54, Where are You? (6781283) **8.00** thirtysomething (3222196) **9.00** Garry Shandling (2955554) **9.30** The Donny and Marie Show (7895318) **10.00** FILM: Squirm *(1976): Electrified earthworms on the rampage* (3284009) **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (6313738)

UK LIVING
6.00am Best of Anne and Nick (9913405) **8.00** The Treatment (3164950) **8.30** Women Mean Business (3163221) **9.00** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (3154573) **9.30** Now You *See It* (2811663) **10.00** Trivia Trap (7366757) **10.30** Definition (3150757) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (8253318) **12.00** The Look (3141009) **12.30pm** Practical Living (51697912) **12.45** Best of Kilroy (5517282) **1.30** Family Affairs (2814950) **2.00** Agony Hour (7367486) **3.00** Living Magazine (7877660) ***3.45*** Gladrags and Glamour (71475080) **4.00** Infatuation (9610573) **4.30** Definition (73658757) **4.55** Masterchef (2586738) **5.30** Kate and Allie (9607009) **6.00** Material World (9620950) **6.30** Musiquest (9611202) **7.00** Living Magazine (8111757) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (8120405) **9.00** *FILM: Bridge to Silence:* Marlee Matlin plays a hearing-impaired woman who rebuilds her life after her husband is killed in a car crash (29038812) **10.40** Gladrags and Glamour (5223776) **11.00** Infatuation UK (2163825) **11.30-12.00** Material World (7355641)



Bruce Willis and Cybill Shepherd (Family Channel, 9.00pm)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Tintin (9399) **5.30** Boogies Diner (2414) **6.00** Black Beauty (7047) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (6399) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (2863) **7.30** Mighty Jungle (7283) **8.00** The Race (25979) **9.00** Moonlighting *(70365)* ***10.00*** *Catchphrase (85912)* **10.30** GP (94660) **11.00** Lou Grant (52221) **12.00** Rhoda (95413) **12.30am** Big Brother (66413) **1.00** Catchphrase (91351) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit II (39055) **2.00** Moonlighting (99177) **3.00** Lou Grant (26326) **4.00** Rhoda (32245) **4.30-6.00** Mighty Jungle (89516)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (916581) **8.00** VJ Ingo (540047) **11.00** Soul (40486) **12.00** Greatest Hits (22931) **1.00pm** VJ (48979) **2.00** *Sport* (3955) **2.30** Model Special (56931) **3.30** Report (2256115) **3.45** Movies (2244370) **4.00** News (8887399) **4.15** Three from One (8893950) **4.30** Dial (8912) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (99414) **7.00** *Greatest Hits* (4221) **7.30** *The Pulse* (9641) **8.00** Dance Music (60738) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (23660) **10.00** Report (318080) **10.15** Movies (346863) **10.30** News (197047) **10.45** Three from One (185202) **11.00** *Party Zone* (42573) **1.00am** VJ (84018) **2.00-5.00** Night Videos (2180784)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (79486) **7.00** Asian Morning (36263) **9.00** Serial (91196) **10.00** Hindi Movie (253009) **1.00pm** New Serial (39370) **1.30** Hindi Movie (163912) **4.30** Kiddie Time (3080) **5.00-6.00** Dedications (8660) **7.00** New Serial (7467) **7.30** Alif Laila (5047) **8.00** English News Bulletin (737405) **8.15** *Hindi Movie* (98466221) ***11.15*** *Krishna* (951757) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (9674808) **1.35** Sight and Sound

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Little Italy
7.00pm The Venetian Affair (1967) An *agent investigates a death in Venice* (56605196)
8.40 Light in the Piazza (1962): Olivia de Havilland tries to marry off her retarded daughter (81230592)
10.30 Follow the Boys (1963) Connie Francis and Paula Prentiss are among the *girls chasing sailors* (57711009)
12.20am Ten Thousand Bedrooms (1957). A millionaire (Dean Martin) buys a hotel in Rome (45998239)
2.30-5.00 When in Rome (1952). Priest Van Johnson helps a convict (77174822) Ends at 5.00

Narrow defeat gives Scotland heart

Pride restored by Motherwell's bold approach

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

EVEN if victories remain hard to come by in Europe, Motherwell's 1-0 Uefa Cup defeat by Borussia Dortmund on Tuesday was still a form of vindication for Scottish football. For all but the few seconds occupied by Andreas Möller's thrilling goal in the Westfalenstadion, the Lanarkshire team operated at the same level of expertise as their *Bundesliga* opponents.

Admittedly, the Germans were not dismayed. With an identical lead against Celtic two years ago, they travelled to Glasgow and won the second leg, too. Defeat by a couple of goals at Fir Park on September 28 is certainly not envisaged. On the journey home from Dortmund the Motherwell side were quietly rueful about their inability to score, despite making three or four fine chances.

Nontheless, it was a heartening performance at a time when Scotland is gripped by an impassioned, if repetitive, debate about the decline in footballing standards. Motherwell rarely galumph in domestic football and they proved there is no need to become ponderous when playing at a higher level.

Alex McLeish's team frequently outmanoeuvred Dortmund to turn the defence. A cheaply acquired Motherwell squad may look like a job lot of players but they aspire to the same style as far more exalted figures. The attempt is made to outwit, rather then overpower, the opposition. The clever running of the forwards, Tommy Coyne and Dougie Arnott, was, to the Germans' alarm, often rewarded with possession.

Even at the back, there are no bruisers. The markers, Chris McCart and Brian Martin, contained Stephane Chapuisat and Karl-Heinz Riedle through shrewd anticipation instead of brawn. The team has been years in the making, but the signing, on a free transfer in 1993, of a sweeper, Miodrag Krivokapic marked a dramatic change in tenor.

The Serbian is almost cussed in his insistence on making a pass in even the most alarming situation.

Other defenders are clearly in awe of him and attempt to imitate the measured approach. Krivokapic was missing through injury on Tuesday, but his influence was everywhere in the Westfalenstadion.

Martin, at £175,000, was the most expensive Motherwell player on the field and it was possible, for those 90 minutes anyway, to pretend that wealth is not really crucial to football. Affluence, the display of the Dortmund side suggested, merely means that you pay more for your problems.

Riedle, for example, was bought from Lazio for over £5 million but the effectiveness he displayed a couple of years ago has waned. This feared header of the ball twice rose to crosses and clumsily misplaced his attempt on goal. The Brazilian sweeper Julio Cesar, who accompanied Möller to Dortmund from Juventus in a £6 million package deal this summer, made his debut against Motherwell and produced consternation.

He appeared to find it simple to flight a pass 40 yards, but was far less reliable when asked to carry out his basic duties of tackling and blocking. It is always nice to see a rich club become exasperated but, in this tie, the advantage continues to lie with Dortmund. The other Scottish survivor in Europe, Dundee United, may have a better chance than Motherwell of surviving.

This evening, they meet Tatran Presov, of Slovakia, in a Cup Winners' Cup first-round tie at Tannadice. The visitors have never won a domestic trophy and appear in this competition because their conquerors in the Slovakian cup final, Slovan, are also league champions.

Tatran have only played four previous European ties and their most significant figure, the midfield player, Vladislav Zvara, has just four caps. Ivan Golac, the United manager, does have concerns over the fitness of a few players but should have the principal striker, Craig Brewster, available once again after a knee injury.

☐ Notts County yesterday acted swiftly after their indifferent start to the season by dismissing their manager, Mick Walker. County, third from bottom of the first division with one league win, took the decision at an emergency board meeting at Meadow Lane.

Merson's role, page 45

Ian Wright, of Arsenal, was yesterday fined £750 for gesturing to the crowd during last season's game away to Queens Park Rangers. The FA has asked him for observations on his criticism of the referee after the match at Norwich last Saturday.

TIMES SPORT ON MONDAY

THE wide world of sport expands daily and *The Times* sports section is growing to match it. Starting next Monday, the best team of sports writers will fill 13 pages with the liveliest and most comprehensive reporting.

David Miller, Rob Hughes and Michael Henderson will be at the best of the weekend football; David Hands, Simon Barnes and Andrew Longmore will be watching rugby union; John Hopkins will be at Woburn for the Dunhill British Masters golf and Alan Lee will be reporting on Warwickshire's attempt to complete a unique cricketing treble.

The Times on Monday is the paper for sport.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



McCall, during his brief appearance at a press conference yesterday. He boxes Lewis on September 24

McCall walks out after 'cheap stunt'

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

FRANK Maloney's attempts to publicise Lennox Lewis's World Boxing Council heavyweight title bout with Oliver McCall at Wembley Arena on September 24 ran into further trouble yesterday. McCall, the challenger, who failed to attend a press conference on Tuesday, walked out of another meeting in central London with the proceedings just seven minutes old.

The American refused to continue after Lewis's trainer, Pepe Correa, interrupted Tony Tucker, McCall's adviser, and then rushed to the top table and threw down a woman's red suspender belt, shouting: "This is the only belt you're going to get. Here, here, take that with you!"

McCall said: "If he says another word, I don't want to say another word. This is over with. Goodnight." The challenger stalked out with Tucker and Greg Page, another former world champion.

Maloney, the champion's manager, said: "What can I say? Pepe is his own man. He's done it at every press conference. I'm upset they walked out and I'm upset with Pepe's behaviour as well."

Frank Warren, who is acting as McCall's agent with Don King away in the United States, doubted whether the 29-year-old challenger would now attend the "face-to-face" in London's Docklands tomorrow if Correa was also there. "That's the end of it." Warren said: "If this was instigated by Maloney to sell tickets, it has backfired.

"It was a cheap stunt. McCall's contract is to respond to all reasonable requests for promotion. That wasn't reasonable. Correa always says the wrong thing. He has said this sort of thing once before."

Press interviews with McCall will now have to be held at his training camp at Heulow Grange, a health farm in Bedfordshire. "He's not going to traipse up and down," Warren said.

☐ The former world heavyweight champion, Evander Holyfield, has failed to get medical clearance to fight again — but has still not given up thoughts of a comeback. Holyfield, who recently underwent another examination with a cardiologist in New York, was told that his heart ailment had not sufficiently healed to allow him to resume his boxing career.

Haringey to miss final as Wariso's suspension is upheld

BY JOHN GOODBODY

AN ATHLETICS tribunal yesterday confirmed the three-month suspension on Solomon Wariso, the international sprinter, so dooming the chances of his club, Haringey, competing in the men's British Athletics League cup final on Saturday. He now faces a fight to participate in the 1996 Olympic Games because the British Olympic Association (BOA) has a policy of not taking any competitior if they have been found guilty of committing a drugs offence.

Wariso, who had admitted inadvertently taking the stimulant, ephedrine, before a race on July 1, will end his three-month ban on October 1. The sprinter was the first of three British athletes sent home from international championships this year in connection with alleged drugs offences. The others were Diane Modahl, the 800 metres runner, and Paul Edwards, the international shot-putter.

A three-man tribunal of the British Athletic Federation (BAF), meeting in London, was "satisfied" that Wariso had contravened regulations of the International Amateur Athletic Federation. The panel consisted of Sir Arthur Gold, the former chairman of the BOA; David Jeacock, a BAF drugs officer and Chris Carter of the Southern Counties AAA.

Wariso, the AAA 200 metres champion, was last night considering whether to appeal against the decision. If he does, the case will be heard by a completely new panel.

The 27-year-old went to the European championships in Helsinki but returned home without competing because of the positive A sample resulting from his test at an international meeting on July 1. He said he took two pills, named Up Your Gas, without realising they contained ephedrine, a stimulant often included in cold cures.

Wariso claims that he possesses a taped conversation that he had with a senior BAF official who tried to persuade him to forego his right to a hearing and let his suspension expire without fuss.

Cardiff AAC will not replace Haringey in the final because the Welsh club said the notice was too short. Cardiff finished third in the semi-final behind Blackheath Harriers and Haringey on July 31.

Villa seeking smooth start to European sprint



Fashanu: inspirational

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE
IN MILAN

AN ERRANT truck that collided with the charter aircraft due to take the team to Milan dealt the first blow to Aston Villa's European bandwagon yesterday, delaying the departure by two hours. Whether Villa can stop Internazionale, the holders, from doing similar damage to their hopes in the first round of the Uefa Cup tonight depends largely on their ability to live up to their reputation as a team for the big occasion. These are the nights of glamour for which Villa and their manager, Ron Atkinson, have been waiting.

As Villa proved in winning the Coca-Cola Cup last season, while flattering to deceive in the Premiership, the sprint is the team's best distance, not the marathon. The same could be said of Atkinson, who has found cups easier to win than League titles. But Villa do not have to delve too far into their history books to find the hurdles which can all too easily trip up England's finest overseas. Four years ago, a powerful Inter side left Villa Park well beaten only to retrieve their two-goal deficit with a 3-0 victory in Milan.

This time, Villa tackle the difficult bit first, buoyed by Atkinson's view that, despite the presence of the two Dutch internationals, Dennis Bergkamp and Wim Jonk, this Inter side is not a patch on its predecessors. It sounds like a piece of good old-fashioned kidology. Though Inter's form last season and in the first weeks of this is erratic, to say the least, Norwich will testify to the strength and skill of the Italian side in these two-leg ties. Inter ended the East Anglian team's valiant run in this competition last season.

Atkinson has emphasised the need for discipline and composure from his side. Having watched a video nasty of Inter's home defeat by Roma last Sunday, a game notable for Festa's comic own goal which cost Inter the game, and for a series of fouls which served as a reminder that old habits die hard, Atkinson's fear is that one stray elbow or word could undermine his team's best efforts.

"If something is done off the ball, my players must be big enough to avoid retaliation and keep playing. We cannot afford to do anything foolhardy," he said. Whether his words were aimed directly at John Fashanu or not, Atkinson suggested that his new £1.35 million striker was "too cute to argue with the referee", though a few down Wimbledon way might beg to differ.

Unless Atkinson has some masterplan tucked away alongside his lucrative new two-year contract, Fashanu is set to play his first European tie three days before his 32nd birthday. Fashanu was brought to Villa Park partly for his ability to inspire others, a quality which will be tested to the full in the passion of the San Siro stadium. Yesterday Atkinson was keeping his options open, but it is likely that Spink will keep goal and that Staunton, Saunders and McGrath will be his three eligible foreign players, and that Houghton's experience will tell in his favour. If they can survive tonight, Villa believe anything is possible.

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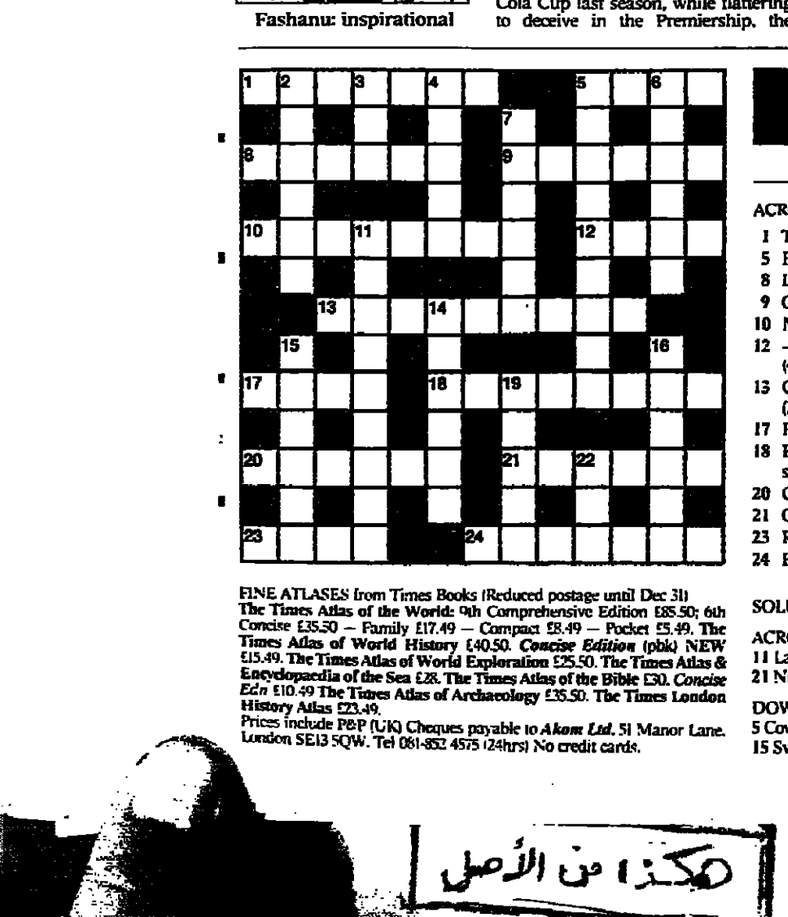
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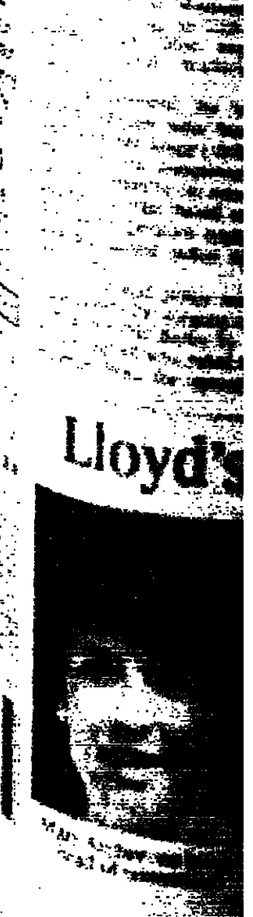
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ACROSS
1 Take for granted; dare (7)
5 Plant for cannabis, rope (4)
8 Long strip of material (6)
9 One out of place (6)
10 Memento (8)
12 – Khayyam, Persian poet (4)
13 Common and very cheap (3,1,5)
17 Fish; mediaeval weapon (4)
18 Frenchman; G&S connoisseur (8)
20 Collar; necklace (6)
21 Old man; the boss (6)
23 Rugged rock (4)
24 Prolix (7)

DOWN
2 Surprise attacker (6)
3 Weep convulsively (3)
4 Obsessive keenness (5)
5 Capt Bligh's ship (3,6)
6 (Indian) open space (6)
7 Baulk (6)
11 Volatile, potentially explosive scene (6-3)
14 Ridiculous (6)
15 Shrivel (6)
16 Underwear; work for lawyers (6)
19 Imprecise (5)
22 Watch chain, pocket (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 266

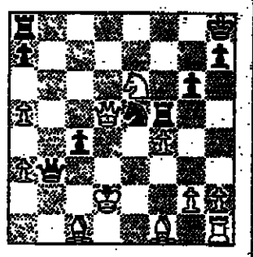
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DOWN: 1 Vassal 2 Au gratin 3 Bench 4 Swagger 5 Cowl 6 Jethro 8 Hooray Henry 13 Leniency 14 Faux pas 15 Svelte 17 Bistro 18 Acorn 20 Skew

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By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Eingorn - Loffler, Berlin 1994. This position features an astonishing oversight by White, who was desperately short of time. He played the move 1 fxe5. What should he have played instead, and what was Black's reply to 1 ... fxe5?



Solution, page 43
Raymond Keene, page 11

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SHIBUICHI
a. A code of Samurai honour
b. Copper/silver alloy
c. Smoked beef fillets

YOGIBOGEYBOX
a. Spiritualist's equipment
b. A tourist caravan
c. Counter-punching

VALENKI
a. Old boots
b. A mincemeat ball
c. A wooer

STELLWAG'S SIGN
a. Unblinking
b. The constellation Isabella
c. An obscene forefinger gesture

Answers on page 43